



"You ask me to give you a motto. Here it is: **SERVICE**. Let this word accompany each of you throughout your life. Let it be before you as you seek your way and your duty in the world." - **Dr. Albert Schweitzer** 

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2021 comes to a close, I reflect on a year as Board President. Nonprofits are near and dear to my heart, having founded and run one and worked in others. Throughout the year, I'm reminded of how special of a role that is. While I love having a mission to guide my dayto-day work, what's more important is knowing that the mission is guided by YOU. If you have given time, advice, or funds to support our work, we have simply been making your vision a reality. And wow, serving as President of ASF of Alabama shows me that a lot of people desire to make Alabama a healthier place where all can thrive. Thank you for setting such an inspirational vision!

In the coming months, the Board is undertaking our own visioning process to ensure that we continue to move in the right direction. We can best set and achieve that vision with your ongoing support. Will you consider giving at year-end so that we can build a 2022-23 cohort that reflects the size and scope of the mission you've given us? Yours truly.

Brooke Bowles

### **CLASS HIGHLIGHTS**



2020-21 Fellow Class 15 members 917 hours of service in 2021 13 community site partners



2021-22 Fellow Class 13 members 1,875 hours of service in 2021 9 community site partners

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We experienced an increase in giving across individual, corporate, and foundation categories over the last twelve months. Two additions, UAB School of Optometry and Auburn University, were added to our Academic Consortium. We accommodated the professional development training of Fellows through online training modules, rather than inperson, due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FOUNDATION GIVING:





# FELLOW REFLECTIONS



"This Fellowship had a strong impact on my future goals. For a long time, I thought I wanted to be an orthodontist, which is historically a profession dealing with patients with excess income. Mostly dealing with esthetic cases, an orthodontist does not often have the ability to work with underserved populations. It was through the Schweitzer Fellowship that I realized my drive to help my community through my career. I want to position myself in a career that can help me connect with patients who truly need me the most." -Ana Ospina, 2020-21 Fellow for Life



"This Fellowship and project experience has confirmed my passion for working with underserved and vulnerable populations. It has also given me more professional confidence as I learn and become more familiar with the clinic." -Joia Pfeiffer, 2021-22 Fellow

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Other

Pictured above: A breakdown of the variety of disciplines among Alabama Schweitzer Fellow classes. The interdisciplinary nature of ASF teaches real-world collaboration skills.



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Pictured above: 2020-21 Alabama Schweitzer Fellow for Life Bhumika Patel (top panel) and 2021-22 Alabama Schweitzer Fellows Carolyn Grace Griffin and Jenai Bostic (bottom panel)