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Albert Schweitzer Fellowship of Alabama Announces Its 2024 Humanitarian of the Year Recipient
Award Recognizes Dr. Carlos Alemán, of Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (¡HICA!)

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Birmingham, AL -- February 26, 2024 -- The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) of Alabama announced today the recipient of its 2024 Alabama Schweitzer Humanitarian of the Year Award. Dr. Carlos Alemán, Chief Executive Officer of Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (¡HICA!) will receive this year's award in recognition of his work with ¡HICA! to transform our communities so that Latino and immigrant families can integrate holistically into the fabric of Alabama's culture. Dr. Alemán will be recognized at the Alabama Schweitzer Fellowship's annual Celebration of Service event on April 13, 2024, hosted by the McWhorter School of Pharmacy on the campus of Samford University alongside the 2023-24 Fellow Class.

The Alabama Schweitzer Fellowship provides its Fellows with professional development activities that allow them to interact with influential public health leaders from throughout the state. The Humanitarian of the Year gives a keynote address to the outgoing class at each Celebration of Service. Dr. Alemán's keynote is entitled, "Common Threads in Uncommon Times: Cultivating Compassion and Collaboration for a Better World."

The Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama is a community development and advocacy organization that champions economic equality, civic engagement, and social justice for Latino and immigrant families in Alabama. ¡HICA! envisions an Alabama in which everyone has full and equal participation in our state's civic, cultural, social, and economic life. Hispanic and immigrant families are empowered to integrate, engage, and lead their communities to reach their families' aspirations. ¡HICA!'s work for its constituents includes access to legal information and naturalization services with an authorized immigration representative, business and financial planning for the development of financial stability, community

resource organization and development to name a few. Dr. Alemán took over as CEO of ¡HICA! in 2022 after coming to the organization as Deputy Director in 2018.

In addition to his work with ¡HICA!, Dr. Alemán has been a member of Homewood's City Council since his election in 2020, making him the first Latino ever elected to public office in Alabama. Carlos is a board member of several organizations including REV Birmingham, the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), the Alabama Business Charitable Trust Fund, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Red Mountain Park, and is also a community council member of Building Alabama Reinvestment.

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) of Alabama is developing the next generation of healthcare professionals to serve and empower vulnerable people to live healthier lives and create healthier communities in Alabama. Since 2016, ASF of Alabama has trained 125 students who have partnered with over 77 community organizations to provide approximately 26,000 hours of service at a value of more than \$650,000 to Alabama's most vulnerable groups. Nationally, more than 4,000 U.S. Schweitzer Fellows have delivered nearly 750,000 hours of service to individuals and communities in need. Through its intensive one-year Fellowship program and the ongoing work of its 4,000+ Fellow for Life alumni, ASF perpetuates the legacy of physician-humanitarian and Nobel Peace laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer.