ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP OF ALABAMA

# Impact Report

2024-25

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## Greetings: from our Executive Director

#### Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look back on the past year, I'm deeply grateful for the incredible community that fuels our mission. Your steadfast support has helped us navigate challenges, embrace new opportunities, and continue making a meaningful impact.

This report reflects more than just outcomes—it's a testament to what's possible when people come together with shared purpose. Every success stems from your belief in our work—our Board, volunteers, donors, and partners—all playing a vital role in what we've accomplished. In the pages ahead, you'll see stories of lives changed, barriers broken, and progress made—each made possible by your support.

It is both humbling and inspiring to lead an organization so deeply committed to removing barriers to care and driving lasting change in the systems that influence health and well-being.

Together, we'll continue to listen with care, act with purpose, and deepen our impact in the communities we serve.



Thank you for your belief in this work and in our shared vision. I look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Kimberly Eaton



"In my future ... career, I will ask more questions. ... What other problems does your patient encounter in your chair? Do they have a safe place to sleep at night? Do they have health insurance? Do they have food security? The ASF Fellowship taught me to serve people with a thoughtful mindset. ... I am now confident to address more complex issues to serve patients fully."

> -Malia McDowell Optometry, UAB

# Our Purpose:

To **equip and empower** graduate and professional students in Alabama with the **leadership skills** to address unmet health care needs for **underserved communities**.

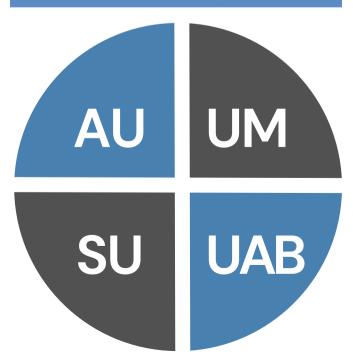
### **Our Process**

While completing a 15-month leadership development program, Fellows work alongside communities to **create lasting impact through service, education, and empowerment.** In 2025, Fellows will lead **31 teambased projects** that tackle barriers to health and wellness across Alabama.



Established in 2015, ASF of Alabama is **1 of 10** chapters **nationwide** 

2025–26 Fellows Represent 4 University Partners & 10 Health Disciplines



#### Auburn University

- audiology
- nursing
- pharmacy

#### **University of Montevallo**

• counseling

Samford University

• pharmacy

#### University of Alabama at Birmingham

- environmental health sciences
- health behavior
- medicine
- nursing
- nutrition sciences
- optometry
- public health

# Our Impact:

94%

of Fellows said they were "extremely likely" or "likely" to engage in community service activities with underserved populations throughout their career.



Internal Med-Primary Care

Ben Honan, Medicine, UAB

"My time as a Schweitzer fellow has held up a mirror to me, challenging me to challenge my own assumptions." 94% of Fellow reported foundation

of Fellows reported reported growth in foundational skills

community needs advocacy for underserved

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## **Our People:**

By investing in graduate and professional students studying health disciplines, the Schweitzer Fellowship creates a pipeline of emerging health leaders uniquely equipped to advance health equity throughout the state.

















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\*according to the annual rates of a volunteer hour in Alabama Source: Independent Sector

# Our Method:

The Schweitzer Fellowship embodies a collaborative model of learning and service

Academics

Schweitzer Fellowship

Practice

#### programVALUES

#### multiDISCIPLINARY

operating in the intersection of academics and practice

### direct SERVICE

200-400 hours of service per project to each community partner

### sharedLEARNING

cross-collaboration and exposure to diverse fields of study

### self **REFLECTION**

cultivating a growth mindset that views failures as opportunities for growth



"My time as a fellow deepened my passion for serving others and gave me a newfound appreciation on what it means to be a leader."

## Our Partners:

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#### **Community Investment through Service**

Fellows help nonprofits grow their reach by supporting new and expanded programs, leading to greater client engagement and deeper community impact.

In turn, community partners offer trusted relationships, real-world insight, and mentorship—serving as co-educators who guide learning through meaningful service.



hours of leadership training to every Fellow

89

community or nonprofit partner organizations since 2015

150-200

service hours given per Fellow to each partner

## Fellows partner with community organizations to develop innovative projects addressing diverse health needs.

Stakeholder interviews, research into best practices and feedback from community partner mentors guide each project plan and help **ensure projects yield measurable change**.

### Since 2016, Alabama's Schweitzer Fellowship has:

#### Partnered with 89 Community Partners

#### Carried Out 29,500 Hours of Service

Invested \$793,714 in Community Partners

> Completed 114 Service Projects

Developed 169 Health Leaders

### Thank you for partnering with us



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CCCTS Center for Clinical and Translational Science

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