



THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP

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**Search and see if there is not some place  
where you may invest your humanity**

**– Dr. Albert Schweitzer**

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# A LETTER FROM ASF'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) improves the health of communities by developing leaders who create enduring impact through collaboration, innovation, and authentic partnership. In 2025, ASF continued to bring together Fellows across disciplines - medicine, music, social work, nursing, law, allied health, public health, and more - united by a shared commitment to advancing health outcomes. This interdisciplinary spirit equips Fellows to address complex challenges in deep partnership with the communities now and into the future. On page 7 of this report, you'll meet current Fellow Mike Bergner, Fellow for Life AeYanna Yett and New Hope Housing CEO Joy Horack-Brown. Their profiles lift up the power of ASF - our work transforms lives, and it incubates ground-breaking and enduring health initiatives in partnership with communities nationwide.

This year, 238 Schweitzer Fellows translated this moral conviction into action and our 4,500+ Fellows for Life continue to make their lives their argument through sustained leadership in policy, academia, health, and innovation. Collaboration drives ASF's impact. ASF chapter directors anchor the work locally with vision and care; ASF partners make sustained, community-centered efforts possible; and ASF's board and advisory members provide guidance and accountability to ensure the organization leads with integrity. I am deeply grateful this year to ASF Board Chair Dr. Samuel Bradley Jr. for his visionary leadership, and to Dr. Lachlan Forrow, whose steady presence sustained ASF during a critical period of continuity and transition over the past ten years.

We are facing a challenging moment in our country and world. Communities are under mounting pressure that threatens health, access, and opportunity. In this context, ASF's commitment to developing values-driven leaders and supporting community-led efforts to improve health is more essential than ever. As ASF prepares for the year ahead, we remain focused on building an organization that not only supports emerging leaders, but inspires people across disciplines and generations to live their values boldly. I am honored to continue this work alongside you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

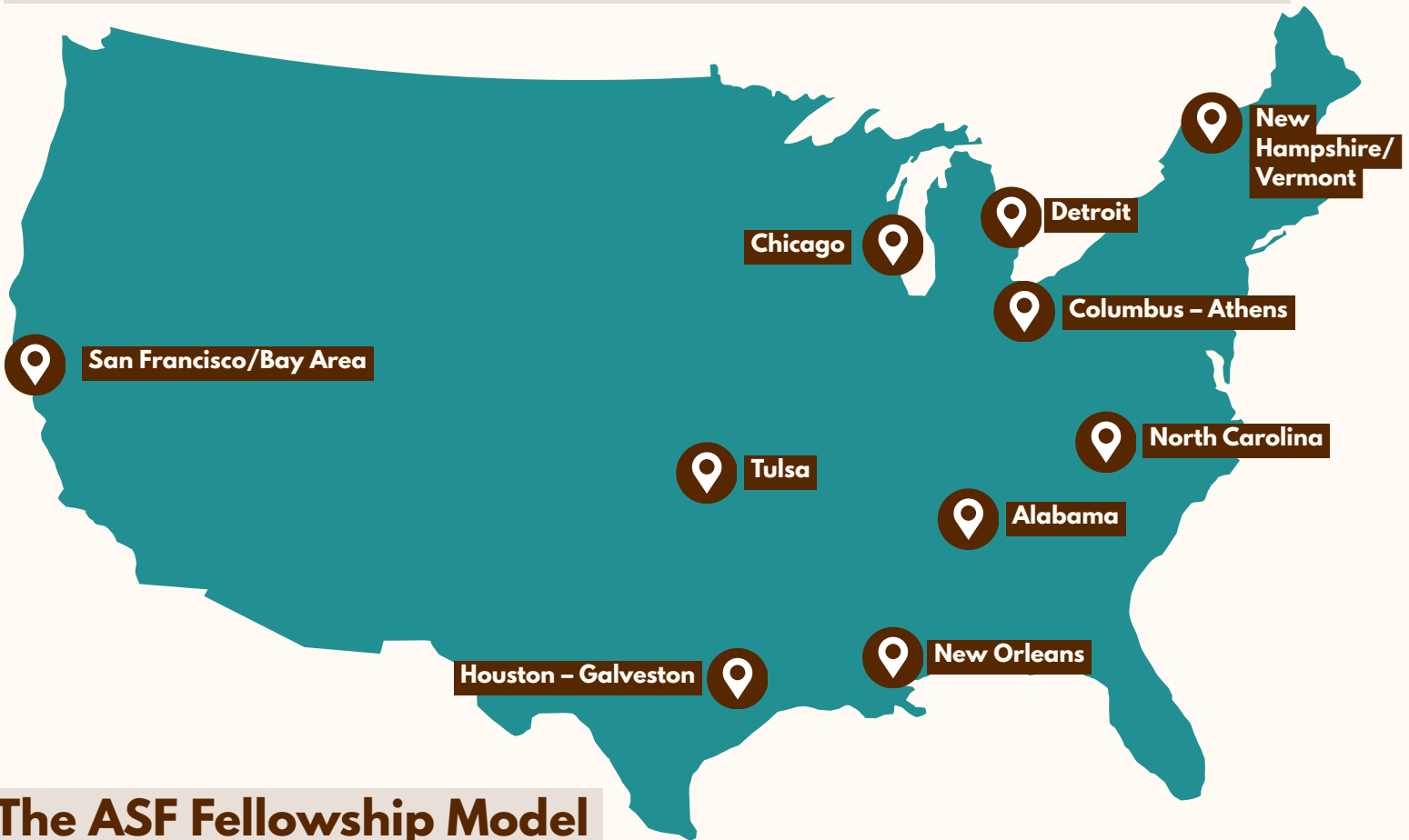


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# WHAT THE SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP DOES

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship improves the health of communities by developing leaders who create enduring impact through collaboration, innovation, and authentic partnership. Local chapters deliver the Fellowship on the ground, responding to community-identified health needs. National ASF maximizes the return on these local investments by working closely with chapters and alumni to guide shared standards, provide nationwide training and coordination, sustain lifelong leadership through the Fellows for Life network, and advance Albert Schweitzer's ethic of Reverence for Life, ensuring that community-based work drives measurable, lasting impact at scale.



## The ASF Fellowship Model

### LEADERSHIP ROOTED EARLY

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) is a year-long, co-curricular leadership and community health impact program for graduate and professional students. The Fellowship operates out of ten sites nationwide, in partnership with our 53 academic partner institutions. ASF is open to students from any academic discipline.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Schweitzer Fellows partner with a community agency, clinic, or school to identify an unmet health need and lead a year-long initiative to address it. ASF defines health broadly using the World Health Organization's definition of health: a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Many ASF projects address the social and environmental drivers of health.

### SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

Schweitzer projects span a wide range of community health priorities, including behavioral health, maternal and family health, chronic disease prevention, and access to care for under-resourced populations. More than 70% of projects continue in some form after the Fellowship year ends, extending impact beyond the initial Fellowship year.

# ASF National Board of Directors



**Samuel Bradley Jr., DSW, FFL '12 Associate Dean, Boston College School of Social Work \*Board Chair**



**Joseph O'Donnell, MD Senior Medical Director, Promontory Therapeutics; Professor at Dartmouth \*Finance, Nominations**



**Chris Bauer, MTS Senior Network Director, MassChallenge**



**Rachel Reichlin, MPH, MSN, RN, FFL '06 Founder & Principal, Health Justice Partners \*Governance, Nominations**



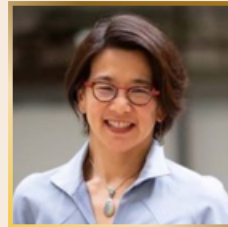
**Pritesh Gandhi, MD, MPH, FFL '07 Chief Health Equity & Community Impact Officer, CommonSpirit \*Fundraising**



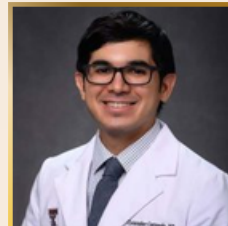
**Alice Thompson, MSW Chief Executive Officer, BFDI Educational Services, Inc. \*Fundraising, Nominations**



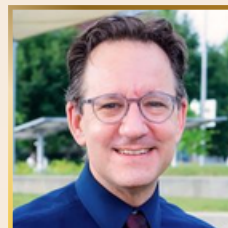
**Tim Lahey, MD, MMSC, FFL '97 Director of Ethics, University of Vermont \*Board Secretary**



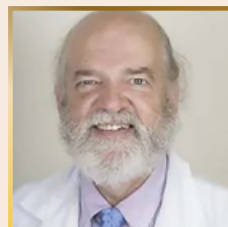
**Erica Pan, MD, MPH, FFL '93 Director, California Department of Public Health**



**Christopher Castaneda, MD, FFL '13 Community Faculty, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center of El Paso**



**Stefan Kertesz, MD, FFL '92 Professor of Medicine, University of Alabama School of Medicine**



**Lachlan Forrow, MD, FFL '82 Harvard Medical School \*Board Chair Emeritus**

## National Committee Members



**Kevian Conley, MBA Practice Economics Analyst, Baker Botts LLP \*Finance**



**Jesse Roberts, JD Attorney, Michael Best \*Governance**

## Our Team

**Rachel Gold, MA | Executive Director  
Jasmine Cherifi | Graduate Intern  
Zahidul Islam | Data Intern  
River Reinertsen-Forehand | Program Associate**

*\*Board role/committee membership*

# The Schweitzer Fellowship

## A NATIONAL NETWORK

ASF's chapters are connected through a national infrastructure called the ASF Collaborative, which supports shared learning, training, and coordination across the network. Through the Collaborative, chapter directors are shaping vision and taking shared responsibility for core ASF work, including strategic direction, impact measurement, and program design. Together, chapters are strengthening ASF by leading with local insight while contributing to a unified national approach. Get to know ASF's chapters, their directors, and academic partners and affiliates:

### Alabama | Kim Eaton, MA, FFL '23

Alabama State University, Auburn University, Samford University, Tuskegee University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Montevallo

### Chicago | Karol Dean, PhD

Adler University, DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago, Midwestern University, National University of Health Sciences, Northeastern Illinois University, Northwestern University, Roosevelt University, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine, Science, and Technology, Rush University, Saint Xavier University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Illinois Chicago, University of Chicago, University of Chicago Medicine

### Columbus – Athens | Kevin Steiner, MD, PhD

The Ohio State University, Ohio University

### Detroit | Dennis Archambault, MD PRSA

Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan

### Houston – Galveston | Andrea Link, MD

Baylor College of Medicine, UTHealth Houston, University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M University, Texas Woman's University, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Texas Children's Hospital, Rice University

### New Hampshire/Vermont | Nancy E. Gabriel, MA

Dartmouth College, University of Vermont, Vermont Law and Graduate School

### New Orleans

Tulane University, Louisiana State University, Xavier University

### North Carolina | Barbara Heffner

Duke University, East Carolina University, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, Campbell University

### San Francisco/Bay Area | Holly Barbaccia, MPH

Stanford University, Touro University of California, University of California San Francisco, Samuel Merritt University

### Tulsa | Emma Morris, MPA

The University of Tulsa, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa

## SPOTLIGHT: CHICAGO 2025-26 COHORT

At a Fall Monthly Meeting, Chicago Fellows learned from HMPRG ED Emerita Margie Schaps and journalist/editor Sharon McGowan about the power of advocacy through writing and publishing Op-Ed pieces.



# OUR IMPACT

53

ACADEMIC  
PARTNERS

238

CURRENT  
FELLOWS

1,275+

COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS

4,500+

FELLOWS FOR  
LIFE

972K+

HOURS OF  
FELLOW IMPACT

## MEET A CURRENT FELLOW



**MIKE BERGNER**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE/VERMONT

Mike's Schweitzer project is housed at UVM Children's Hospital. Along with his project partner, he supports hospitalized children through arts and play. ASF has strengthened his commitment to community engagement and is shaping the skills that will guide his future career in compassionate, patient-centered medicine.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT: HOUSTON SPOTLIGHT

"The work that the Schweitzer Fellows do across New Hope Housing's communities brings life-altering change to the people we serve. Through powerful onsite programs like Afterschool Aces and Safety First, Fellows empower parents to make informed safety decisions and to help their children build strong social-emotional skills. We are deeply grateful for this powerful partnership."

-Joy Horak-Brown, CEO  
New Hope Housing



## FELLOW FOR LIFE IMPACT



**AEYANNA YETT**  
DETROIT FFL '22

"I am proud to say that I am a Schweitzer FFL. Because of the Fellowship, I was able to grow a mentoring relationship with my project site mentor, which led to ongoing collaboration even after the Fellowship year was over. Plus I am proud to say that my site organization, the SASHA Center in Detroit, integrated my Schweitzer project into their therapy offerings. What I really hold dear to my heart is that the work I did through the Fellowship was not only honored locally by the community, but nationally too. ASF has fundamentally shaped my career trajectory."

# SUPPORTERS POWER ASF'S IMPACT

The National Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and the ASF chapters depend entirely on contributions from values-aligned individuals, foundations, institutions, and corporations. We are incredibly grateful to our partners who, like us, see the value of improving the health of communities by developing leaders who create enduring impact through collaboration, innovation, and authentic partnership. These individuals and institutional partners supported National ASF in 2025.

## INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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IN HONOR OF:  
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IN MEMORY OF:  
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## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORTERS



National ASF is positioned with strength thanks to TU's visionary partnership, providing critical infrastructure that drives ASF's mission forward.

## THE FITZGERALD FUND

Inspired by Gerald F. Fitzgerald's firsthand experience at Albert Schweitzer's hospital, this year marks a meaningful shift as the Fitzgerald Fund directs its support to the U.S. Schweitzer Fellowship - investing in developing a generation of leaders equipped to translate Reverence for Life into action.

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# 2025 Financial Information

ASF is committed to stewardship, transparency, and maximizing resources in service of our mission.

## TOTAL REVENUE

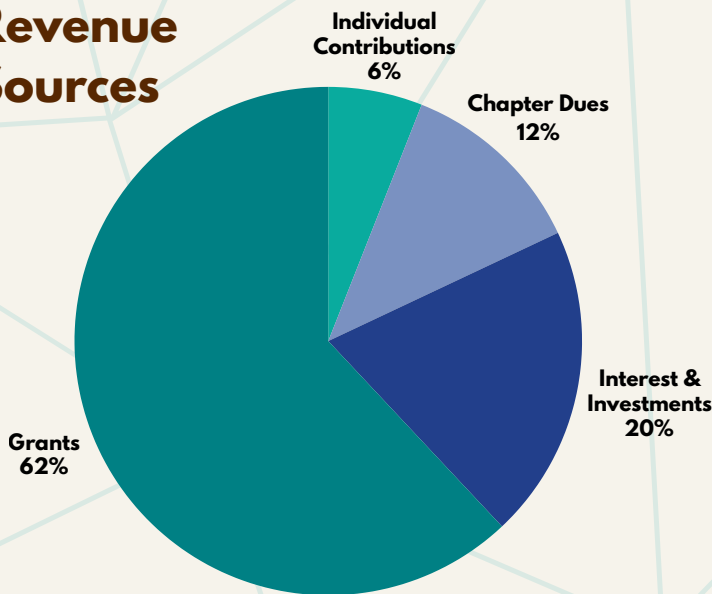
In fiscal year 2025, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship generated a total of \$202,998 in revenue through a combination of individual contributions, grants, dues, interest, and investments.

## TOTAL EXPENSES + EXPENSE ALLOCATION

In fiscal year 2025, National ASF's total expenses were \$206,173. 46% of total expenses directly supported programming, 34% was allocated to administrative costs, and 20% was allocated to fundraising.

This allocation reflects an investment in re-building organizational infrastructure, national programming, and leadership development to support community health efforts.

## Revenue Sources



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Transparency  
2025

Candid.

## FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is committed to strong financial stewardship and transparency. ASF's financial statements are prepared monthly by an independent accountant with oversight from the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. Beginning this year, ASF will conduct annual independent audits to further strengthen accountability and oversight.

## NONPROFIT STATUS

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. EIN: 13-1982786. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.



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## SAVE THE DATE

**NATIONAL ASF LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:  
OUR MOMENT IS NOW**

**NOV 5-8, 2026**  
in Tulsa, Oklahoma

The 2026 National ASF Leadership Summit will bring together current Fellows, Fellows for Life and ASF supporters for the first large-scale in-person gathering in a decade. This milestone event is designed to strengthen relationships across the Schweitzer network, spotlight Fellow-led innovation in community health, and chart a shared vision for ASF's Future.

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