

Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows Program Seeking Sponsors

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, a nationally renowned organization dedicated to developing leaders in addressing the health needs of underserved communities, has launched a major expansion of its local programs across the United States, with generous support from The Merck Company Foundation. The September 2006 Health Policy Newsletter presented a brief history of the program and offered more information about its expansion to the Delaware Valley, with The Department of Health Policy at Thomas Jefferson University serving as the administrative host.

David B. Nash, MD, MBA, chairman, Department of Health Policy at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson, will serve as the program chair and Neil Goldfarb, Program Director for Research in the Department of Health Policy will serve as the program director. “As an urban, academic medical center, Jefferson has been a leader in healthcare issues involving public policy and reducing disparities in health and healthcare, which is the mission of The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship,” said Dr. Nash. “We are honored to have been selected to take the lead in helping to expand the important work of Albert Schweitzer in the Delaware Valley.”

Schweitzer Fellows are healthcare graduate students (medical school, nursing school, public health programs and the like), that are selected through both an application and rigorous screening process. The program consists of a stipend-supported year in which they work with a community organization on a service project which they develop and propose.

The program's funding is exclusively based on the contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, professional societies, schools, and hospitals. Donations serve to fund administrative costs, fellows' stipends, and the national program. Tax-deductible contributions at all levels are appreciated and will be publicly recognized. Organizations or individuals donating \$5,000 or more will be designated as a *Sponsor*, receiving public recognition, with the display of your logo on The Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows Program sponsors webpage. As a sponsor you will have the comfort of knowing that you are providing an opportunity to foster dedicated students intellectual and experiential growth , as well as enhancing Delaware Valley's local communities' overall health

If you would like to sponsor a Schweitzer Fellow, please visit <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/features/giving/> to learn more about giving opportunities, or contact the Delaware Valley program coordinator Nicole M. Cobb, MAOM at 215-955-9995 or Nicole.Cobb@Jefferson.edu.