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## **Albert Schweitzer Fellow at UH Graduate College of Social Work is Working to Empower Vulnerable Communities**

UH Graduate College of Social Work Student Implementing Sustainable Health Care Services

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UH Graduate College of Social Work student Claire Crawford is a member of the 2015-2016 class of Albert Schweitzer Fellows from the Houston Galveston Area. The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship - Houston Galveston is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to training the next generation of professionals to serve and empower vulnerable people to live healthier lives and create healthier communities.

John F. Kennedy described Albert Schweitzer as *“one of the transcendent moral influences of our century.”* Albert Einstein stated *“Albert Schweitzer is the only Westerner who has had the same moral effect in this generation comparable to Gandhi.”* His legacy lives on through the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.

ASFHG is a non-profit organization, housed through Baylor College of Medicine, that offers graduate students the opportunity to design and implement a health-related, 200-hour, year long community project that provides direct service to an underserved population. Students are paired with mentors, field experts, and community sites to meet vital local health needs, with an immediate and lasting impact in the Houston-Galveston area.

Since 2008 nearly 100 Albert Schweitzer Fellows in Houston-Galveston have completed projects in areas such as HIV/AIDS care, homeless support, oral health, nutrition, refugee health, mental health awareness, mobile health clinics, smartphone health apps, family and teen support groups, healthcare education and more.

One UH Graduate College of Social Work student recently joined this prestigious group.

Fellow Claire Crawford is working with the Texas Children’s Cleft Clinic to connect families of children born with cleft lip and palate through support groups and a caregiver conference designed to promote a local network of support among this population.

ASFHG is under the new leadership of Executive Director Gabrielle Hansen, PhD. Dr. Hansen is “thrilled to be part of such a wonderful mission and delighted to facilitate links between local community agencies and these enthusiastic Fellows. You only have to meet one of our Fellows to truly understand that one person can really make a difference. These young people are incredibly inspiring! All Houstonians should be proud of the difference our young citizens make. Hear their stories and feel good about the future of Houston!”

UH Albert Schweitzer Fellow Claire Crawford and Dr. Hansen are available for comment.

Beginning in September, ASFHG will be recruiting Houston-Galveston based graduate students in all fields for the 2016-2017 fellowship. For more information, please contact Executive Director Gabrielle Hansen, PhD at Gabrielle.Hansen@bcm.edu or 713-798-1045, or visit ASFHG on the web at [www.asfhg.org](http://www.asfhg.org) or Facebook ASFHG.

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