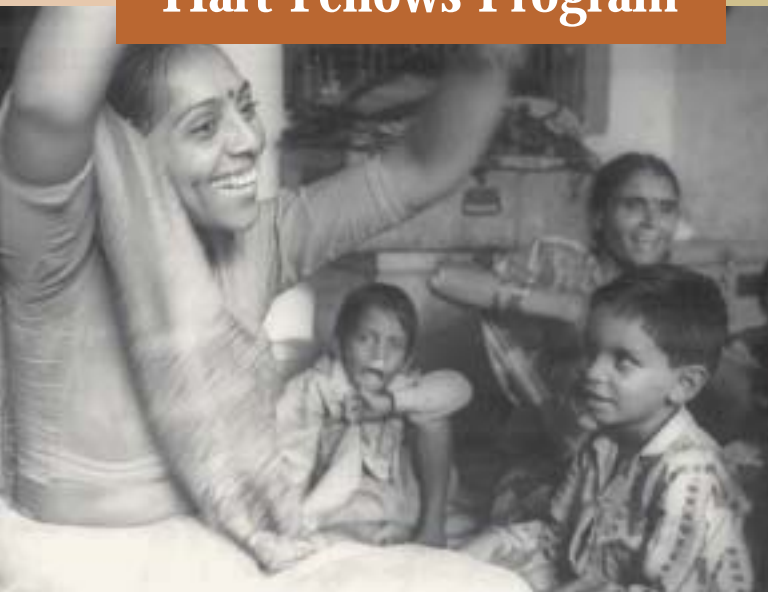


# Hart Leadership Program

## Hart Fellows Program



*Recent graduates work with  
community partners around the  
world who are facing complex  
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problems.*

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The **Hart Fellows Program** is deeply rooted in the legacy of the late U.S. Senator and Duke President Terry Sanford, who championed the belief that true leadership requires service and creative partnerships with others.

Its goals are threefold:

- *To develop recent Duke graduates' leadership skills through intensive engagement with complex global issues;*
- *To help build the capacity of host organizations to respond to today's pressing humanitarian challenges;*
- *To serve as a leading resource of information and expertise on how international humanitarian policy issues relate to the everyday lives of people around the world.*

**H**art Fellows are paired with experienced mentors within their host organizations, and gain direct experience working on global issues such as forced migration, HIV/AIDS, and youth-focused poverty alleviation.

The **Hart Fellows Program** grew out of the Hart Leadership Program's mission to help Duke undergraduates become engaged citizens in a democratic society. The **HFP** offers a capstone experience that helps its participants develop their own vision of ethical leadership as they move into professional life. Since its inception in 1995, the **HFP** has selected forty-two recent graduates to

serve in 26 countries—from Azerbaijan to Zimbabwe—across five continents. They have supported advocacy and policy work for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva and helped develop strategies to assist those suffering from HIV/AIDS in Malawi. Working with diverse communities and issues throughout the world, they have helped build organizational capacity, write grants and document programs. In addition, they have presented and exhibited photographs and writing on international child and adolescent issues to the World Bank and United Nations.

Recent **Hart Fellows** projects have included:

**Researching tuberculosis treatments in Vitoria, Brazil, to examine the effectiveness of alternatives** to the standard DOTS (Directly Observed Therapy, Short Course) regimen of treatment.

**Developing a health education program for teachers in rural schools in China**, and designing a curriculum on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention for female employees in a Shanghai production plant.

**Assessing community health awareness among refugees and internally displaced persons in Azerbaijan**, and using documentary work about the participants for international outreach purposes.



“When I arrived in Zimbabwe, I realized that there was virtually no programming for adolescents. So I was able to convince a large international donor to provide funding for piloting youth programs in three of our communities.

The kids wanted to document AIDS in their community.

They took photographs, narrated their own images, and demonstrated such a sophisticated understanding of AIDS and their community that it challenged many of our notions about how AIDS programming should work. It made me realize I wanted to focus my career on adolescent health and rights issues.

The Hart Leadership experience will stay with me forever—the experiences, the work, the people I met. I know I have 30 people I could turn to today for help and advice in this field, and these are connections that came through Hart and people’s commitment to the program.”

Marcy Levy

*Hart Fellow, 1999-2000*



*Cover and inside:* As a Hart Fellow, Sara Gomez documented the experiences of teachers and families involved with child care centers in poor areas of Ahmedabad, India.

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