

# Did You Know?

- ✧ Each year, UNH students perform over 75,000 hours of community service. This translates into a contribution of over \$1,000,000 to the local community.
- ✧ 82.5% of students entering the University report having performed community service in the year prior to entering college, 56% as a part of a class.
- ✧ Most students at UNH volunteer between 3-5 hours per week.
- ✧ Cornucopia, the campus food pantry, provides nearly 80 food baskets for the campus and local community during Thanksgiving, the December holidays and a spring collection.
- ✧ The University's year-end recycling program, RENU (Recycling Everything New and Used), has resulted in an annual collection of nearly 250 bags of clothing and over a ton of food from dorm residents as they leave for the summer.
- ✧ Seacoast Reads, a reading tutoring program, has benefited over 1,000 children and involved hundreds of UNH students in over 12 local elementary schools.

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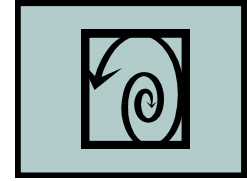
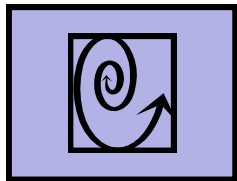


# About Us

Our goal is to encourage the development of meaningful connections between members of the University and non-profit agencies throughout the local, national and international community through support for community service and service-learning initiatives.

Every day, students participate individually, as a group of friends, residence hall mates, or as a member of a student organization or fraternity or sorority. Every day, students are involved in visits to local group homes, Habitat for Humanity projects, mentoring relationships between UNH students and local teens, fund-raising and special events and local literacy efforts.

In the classroom, students connect their coursework with meaningful connections with community agencies, schools, and non-profit organizations. From social work to recreation management, psychology to sociology, partnerships between students, faculty and community organizations continue to grow.



## Service Activities

There are many student groups on campus whose efforts focus primarily on service to the community. Organizations include national civic organizations and honor societies, alternative spring break activities and international humanitarian projects.

Students enrolled in the Community Leadership Associate Degree program learn by doing, partnering with campus departments to coordinate campus-wide projects. Some projects include a Warmth Drive to provide winter clothing to agencies throughout the Seacoast area, a Whiffle Ball tournament to benefit a local family, and a Casino Night to support local organizations.

Fraternities and sororities focus their efforts on one-time projects and philanthropy efforts to benefit both local and national organizations.

Residence Halls form on-going partnerships with local organizations, providing direct service, activity planning and fundraising events.

## Why Get Involved?

People become involved with community service for many reasons. Some wish to help others, others are concerned with a specific issue and still others serve to gain practical work experience. Community service provides opportunities to explore career interests, develop skills, meet new people and really make a difference.



## Pre-Orientation Activities

UNH PrOVES (Pre-Orientation Volunteer Experience in Service) provides a unique opportunity for entering first-year students to engage in community service and leadership activities before the start of the school year. Participants are able to settle in to campus life, form lasting peer relationships, develop leadership skills and build a foundation for service to the community. Entering its fourth year, students remain excited and involved.