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DURHAM, N.H. – Students at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire have received Fidelity Community Service Awards in recognition of their service to area nonprofits.

The honorees are enrolled in the Whittemore School's Introduction to Business course taught by Ross Gittell, James R. Carter Professor of Management, and were required to complete a minimum of eight hours of community service as part of learning about corporate social responsibility. Each winning student's nonprofit received a \$1,000 grant. On average the students in the class donate more than 5,000 hours of service a year.

"We believe the Fidelity Community Service Awards program is a great opportunity to showcase the community commitment shared by Fidelity and Whittemore School students. It is important to expose students to the importance of volunteerism and community service. As we work with the university system to encourage more graduates to live and work in New Hampshire, programs like this show our future workers that they can achieve both success and fulfillment in the career opportunities which exist right here in our great state," said Alison Stebbins, regional general manager for Fidelity Investments in New Hampshire.

Lindsey Marshall of Pelham won the Fidelity Literacy Award, which recognizes a student volunteer project or activity that promotes literacy and/or helps strengthen reading skills for a variety of age groups and populations.

Marshall assisted Special Education Team Leader Dawn Morton at Nashua's Elm Street Middle School by helping students with learning disabilities complete their school work. Although she had some trepidation about her volunteer service because she had never considered herself to be good with children, Marshall found her experience rewarding.

"Once I started working with the kids, I realized I really liked it. They really appreciated the help I was giving them and were more than eager to learn new things. I came away from this experience with a new perspective, and I am more than pleased knowing that I made a small difference in the school day of these kids," she said.

The Fidelity Financial Education Award recognizes a student volunteer project that helps promote personal financial education. This year's student winners, Greg Tassinari of Westborough, Mass., Charlotte Noreng of Windham and Ed Kranich of Meriden, Conn., participated in the March of Dimes' "Mile of Dimes" campaign by distributing literature and educating their peers about premature birth and the mission of The March of Dimes.

The students also distributed coin bags to collect change from classmates, professors and

friends. They also increased awareness about their campaign by writing an article for the bi-weekly newsletter for the residence hall. The team's efforts and enthusiasm raised \$512.05 for the "Miles of Dimes" Campaign.

Brian Nute of Hudson is this year's winner of the Fidelity Community Investor Award, which recognizes the student volunteer project or activity that provides the greatest benefit to families or an individual in or around New Hampshire. Nute assisted with the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter's 7th annual dinner and live auction.

His efforts helped the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter raise more than \$100,000. At the end of the night, Nute said he felt "great for having devoted time and energy to a nonprofit organization that helps thousands of people each year."

Anthony Azarian of Sandown was honored with the Fidelity Innovation and Technology Award, which recognizes a student volunteer project that helps a nonprofit organization use technology to initiate changes in its operations and service delivery channels to expand or improve service.

Azarian worked to increase the efficiency and use of space in the National Orthotics and Prosthetics Company Clinic at Children's Hospital. After learning about the lean manufacturing theory from volunteer supervisor Deb Zarubick, Azarian independently implemented changes to the work space to improve work flow. He also restructured patient volume flow through the clinic, which improved the overall experience for patients.

"Anthony demonstrated excellent leadership qualities and the ability to work independently. His communication skills with his leaders were very professional, and all projects requested of him were brought to completion to our satisfaction," Zarubick said.

Fidelity Investments is one of the world's largest providers of financial services, with custodied assets of \$3.3 trillion, including managed assets of more than \$1.5 trillion as of Jan. 31, 2008. The firm is the largest mutual fund company in the United States, the No. 1 provider of workplace retirement savings plans, the largest mutual fund supermarket and a leading online brokerage firm.

### **PHOTO OF THE WINNERS (left to right)**

<http://www.unh.edu/news/img/fidelity2008.jpg>

First Row: UNH students Anthony Azarian, Lindsey Marshall, Ed Kranich, Charlotte King, Brian Nute, Greg Tassinari. Second Row: Caroline Marshall, Elm Street Middle School; Donna Clement, March of Dimes; Carol Weeks, Nashua Soup Kitchen. Third Row: Alison Stebbins, Regional General Manager, Fidelity Investments; Bill Craver, Client Service Associate, Fidelity Investments; Jared Talbot, Analyst, Fidelity Investments; David Moore, Senior Vice President, Fidelity Investments; Timothy Beaulieu, Sr. Fund Accounting Analyst, Fidelity Investments; Daniel Innis, Dean, UNH Whittemore School of Business & Economics.

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