



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Carol Shea-Porter Visits UNH's Northeast Passage April 13**

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DURHAM, N.H. -- U.S. Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter will highlight the importance of rehabilitative services for returning disabled war veterans at a press conference at the University of New Hampshire's Northeast Passage Friday, April 13. Jill Gravink, director of Northeast Passage, will discuss Northeast Passage's plans to expand its innovative therapeutic recreation programs for veterans.

- Carol Shea-Porter at Northeast Passage
- Friday, April 13, 11:40 a.m.
- Lower level (G01) of Hewitt Hall, UNH Campus, Durham
- Also participating:
  - Jill Gravink, director of Northeast Passage
  - UNH students and 2006 Paralympians Tyler Walker (mono-skiing) and Taylor Chace (sled hockey)
- Demonstrations of adapted recreational equipment used by athletes with disabilities

"Supporting our troops means honoring our commitments to our soldiers and their families. They have sacrificed so much for us. I am pleased that Northeast Passage is exploring ways to support veterans through their very successful therapeutic recreation programs," said Shea-Porter.

Northeast Passage, founded in 1990, delivers disability-related health promotion and adapted sports programs throughout New England. Through its PATH (Promoting Access, Transition & Health) program, in conjunction with Martin's Point Health Care, Northeast Passage has been working with retired military personnel with disabilities for three years. Northeast Passage plans to expand these therapeutic recreation services to assist Iraq War veterans with disabilities.

"Soldiers are surviving at a greater rate than ever before," says Gravink. "We see this as an opportunity to provide services to help veterans with disabilities transition to their home communities and live healthier lives with their disabilities."

For more information on Northeast Passage, go to [www.nepassage.org](http://www.nepassage.org). For more information on Carol Shea-Porter, go to <http://shea-porter.house.gov>.