Social Work Month Event Highlights UNH Intern's Service to the Community

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Department of Social Work is planning an event in recognition of March as National Professional Social Work Month. The program to be held at UNH's Gables Community Room Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., will highlight the contribution UNH students make to local communities and nonprofit organizations.

During the current 2002-2003 academic year, UNH undergraduate and graduate interns contributed 59,000 hours of unreimbursed services at more than 100 local internship sites, including the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Manchester, FamilyStrengths in Keene and Dover, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, Frisbee Memorial Hospital in Rochester, Council on Senior Citizens in Portsmouth, Seacoast Mental Health Center, N.H. Association for the Blind in Concord, Head Start in Manchester, N.H. Public Defenders Office in Stratham and Timberlane High School.

Keynote speakers are David Lynde from the Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center, Charlene Thayer from the Visiting Nurse Association Home & Hospice, and Marci Morris from the N.H. State Division of Children, Youth & Families. Their talks will address this year's national social work theme: The Power of Social Work - Preserving Rights and Strengthening Voices.

The event also will honor 15 local professionals who have volunteered their time to supervise UNH's interns for five years or longer.

Refreshments will be prepared by the UNH Department
of Social Work faculty. These "culinary treats" will represent the faculty's diverse ethnic and/or geographic backgrounds. Students, faculty, alumni, internship supervisors and representative from the local nonprofit community are expected to attend.

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UNH SOCIAL WORK INTERNS CONTRIBUTE A TOTAL OF 59,000 HOURS A YEAR TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

- Families in Transition
- Outright
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Beverly High School
- Hampton Academy Jr. High
- Epping Head Start
- Henry Wilson Middle School - Farmington
- Center for Eating Disorders - Medford
- Families First
- Sexual Assault Support Services - Portsmouth
- Portsmouth Regional Hospital
- EvenStart, The HUB
- Oyster River Middle School
- Alliance for Community Supports
- Seabrook Elementary School
- N.H. Division for Children, Youth & Families - Concord
- Area Home Care & Family Services
- Riverside Rest Home - Dover
- Child & Family Services - Manchester
- V.A. Medical Center - Manchester
- Healthsouth Rehab Hospital
- Our Place - Manchester
- Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Capital Regional Family Health - Concord
- Milford Family Guidance Center
- Catholic Medical Center - Manchester
- Cheshire Medical Center - Keene
- McLaughlin Middle School
- New Hampshire Hospital - Concord
- ACORN - Lebanon
- Health First Family Care Center - Franklin
- Northern Essex Mental Health - Newburyport
- Frisbee Memorial Hospital - Rochester
Seacoast Hospice - Exeter
Holy Family Hospital - Methuen, Mass.
Catholic Charities - Laconia, Nashua, & Windham
Council on Senior Citizens - Portsmouth
Portsmouth Pavilion
Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Ctr.
N.H. Women's Lobby - Concord
Concord Hospital EAP
Behavioral Health Service - Dover
Strafford Learning Center - Somersworth
Child & Family Services - Manchester
Harbor Schools - Haverhill, Mass.
Healthlink - Laconia
N.H. Association for the Blind - Concord
Portsmouth High School
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital - Dover
Haverhill School & Comm. Support
Counseling Services Inc - Saco, Me.
Families in Transition - Manchester
Concord Regional VNA
Carroll County Mental Health - Wolfboro
Casey Family Services - Concord
Northern Strafford Cty. Juvenile Court Diversion Program
Acton Elementary School - Acton, Me.
Developmental Services - Dover
Nashua Youth Council
Silver Hill School
N.H. Public Defender - Stratham
Newburyport School System
Timberland High School
FamilyStrength - Dover
Seacoast Mental Health - Portsmouth

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