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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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