

PRESIDENTS' LEADERSHIP AWARD



Warmth in the Millyard *UNH-Manchester*

When does $0 + 7 = 800$? When a commitment to service, community and learning come together as they did in Fall 2007 with the Warmth in the Millyard clothing drive lead by the Community Leadership class at UNH Manchester. In launching the UNH Thompson School's Community Leadership (CSL) program on the Manchester campus, Kate Hanson, CSL program director, sought to expand student leadership opportunities and further the program's mission of community service and civic engagement in the greater Manchester region.

Warmth in the Millyard emerged as the project for students in the first CSL 201 class in Manchester. They recognized that warm cloths were becoming "luxury" items for those facing ever increasing costs for fuel, food, medicine and rent. With an abundance of energy and optimism, the students set out to collect as many winter clothes as possible.

Partnerships were established with area businesses including PSNH, the Manchester School District, FIRST, Autodesk, Morgan Storage, the NH Fisher Cats, the Manchester Historic Association and Millyard Museum. In November, 800 warm clothing items were brought to UNH Manchester by people moved to action by the work of the students Burhan Altin, Anna Gdanian, Danielle Huntress, Hana Jabri, Megan Parnell and Will Stewart guided by Kate Hanson and supported by Kim Wall, UNH Manchester's Public Relations Program Coordinator. Warm clothing was distributed through the YWCA in Manchester, SHARE of Milford and New Horizons for New Hampshire. The effort generated Warmth in the Millyard far beyond UNH Manchester.