Presidents' Community Partner Award



The Community Kitchen
Antioch University New England

The Community Kitchen (TCK) in Keene, New Hampshire, is a leader in addressing hunger and food security issues in the Monadnock Region. TCK provides healthy and nutritious hot meals, take-home food boxes, and advocacy to low and moderate-income people in the Monadnock Region. Enlisting the help of local volunteers, including Antioch students, faculty and staff, The Community Kitchen serves free hot meals six days a week and operates a food pantry program and a successful gleaning program that brings fresh, local produce from area farms to the those in need. AUNE students and staff collect food for the pantry on a monthly basis. Community Kitchen staff serve as advisers to Community Garden Connections (CGC) at Antioch University New England (AUNE). CGC volunteers, including AUNE students, faculty and community members, build raised bed gardens, manage a 1-acre giving plot, and provide gardening support throughout the region in collaboration with community nonprofit agencies and social service organizations. CGC initiatives provided over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Community Kitchen through TCK's Gleaning Program, which wouldn't be possible without their dedication to this shared work.