

## PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS

*(From Rivier Today, Fall 2017)*



*Mobile Health Clinic will bring services to Greater Nashua neighborhoods.*

“Who is my neighbor?” A critical question asked and answered by Rivier students as part of the core curriculum. The simple answer is “everyone.”

In this spirit, the University and community members reach out continuously to support our neighbors across the street and across the globe. This year, three initiatives focused on improving healthcare, nutrition and wellness are made possible through partnerships with several organizations.

### Mobile Health Clinic

Rivier University is partnering with St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua to provide health services to local residents who lack access to medical and dental care. The University anticipates the new Mobile Health Clinic will serve the towns of Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, and Pelham in its first year. Rivier faculty and students will have the opportunity to deliver and support healthcare services to diverse populations within these communities by providing screenings, vaccinations, counseling, and management for chronic diseases.

### Meals for Kids

Rivier University has joined a pilot program aimed at stemming childhood hunger. The *Meals for Kids* initiative, championed by Nashua Mayor **James Donchess** and supported by several community organizations, provided breakfast, lunch and dinner during the summer to some of the 43 percent of Nashua public school children receiving free or reduced lunches. Meals were distributed at various points throughout Nashua.

Rivier’s Assistant Professor **Dr. Karyn Heavner** and public health students supported the effort by collecting quantitative data to evaluate the program’s effectiveness and volunteering at food distribution points. Positive results will support an expanded effort in summer 2018.

## CARE

Rivier University was awarded a \$298,000 Department of Justice grant which will fund a new program to strengthen awareness and services for victims of violence against women. The University collaborated with longstanding Nashua community partners, the Nashua Police Department, Bridges (a victim services agency), and True to Life Training, on the grant application. The new program, titled “Campus Awareness for Raiders to End issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (CARE),” will strengthen prevention programs, coordinate direct services for victims, and ensure that offenders are held accountable. ■