

RIVIER NURSING STUDENTS “SOCKING IT TO HOMELESSNESS”

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Kera Kelly '20, an RN at Lowell Community Health Center and an adjunct faculty member at Rivier, successfully partnered with a nationally recognized apparel company to help students from her alma mater make a difference in the community.



Crafting a written appeal to Bombas, a New York City-based business whose mission is to assist those experiencing homelessness, Kelly was able to secure a donation of 500 pairs of socks for distribution to the local community in Nashua. Citing the harshness of the New Hampshire winters and how nursing students frequently encounter community members with holes in their shoes, feet with blisters and other ailments, Kelly described the vital work, including preventative health screenings, performed as part of the Nursing curriculum.

“With each student and community interaction, it is our hope that we can make a difference,” said Kelly. “Perhaps we can detect a wound and help prevent an adverse outcome; perhaps we can provide some warmth, or perhaps, maybe just a smile and kind banter is all someone needs.” ■