

RIVIER COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO HELP HAITI

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Freshmen Jackie Gonelli (left) and Jordan Hanson take pledges at the Red Cross Haiti Relief phonathon.

When the American Red Cross' NH Gateway Chapter staff were looking for a site to host a phonathon to raise money for victims of the earthquakes in Haiti, Rivier College had just the place. The College offered a conference room, phone bank, and computer access to help the Red Cross, as well as plenty of eager volunteers.

Twenty-two Nassau Broadcast radio stations from Maine to Maryland advertised the phonathon. Rivier students and staff joined volunteers from Red Cross chapters and other nonprofits around the state to answer phones and collect pledges. Their efforts paid off, helping bring in more than \$67,000 to help the people of Haiti. The College also hosted a prayer service to pray for those in Haiti who have suffered loss.

"I am so pleased that our College was able to support the Red Cross's fundraising efforts in this way. They were extremely impressed with the calling center we put together for them, as well as the volunteer support they received from our community," says Karen Cooper, Executive Director of Development and Marketing. ■