

HANNAFORD GRANT SUPPORTS NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

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The University has received a \$25,000 grant from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation for a new program titled *Reach for the Stars*. This initiative supports Rivier and Hannaford's mutual priorities to improve community health, increase food security and access to nutrition, and advance education in the communities they serve.

Rivier nursing students and faculty will provide health screenings at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, which serves low-income, medically underserved adults and families. Individuals whose screenings indicate higher risk for adverse health will be invited to participate in a nutrition education intervention, provided by the dietitian at the local Hannaford retail store, and will receive healthy food vouchers.

Dean of Nursing and Health Professions **Dr. Paula Williams**, Assistant Professor **Donna Proulx**, Instructor **Cheryl Bragdon**, and Assistant Professor **Judi O'Hara** authored the grant and will oversee the program's implementation. ■