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In the spotlight

Will Stewart came to UNH Manchester last fall to pursue a degree in Community Leadership. He saw the program as an opportunity to enhance his ability to pursue social and economic justice and help others do the same. Will said, "If not for the Community Leadership program coming to Manchester, I probably would not have returned to school to pursue my degree."

Will is certainly no stranger to community engagement. Not only is community service in his job title, but it's also something for which he has a passion. He is currently working at NeighborWorks® Greater Manchester as their Community Services Specialist. NeighborWorks® is a non-profit organization that provides access to quality housing services, opportunities for personal empowerment, and revitalizes neighborhoods. In his position he provides resident services for the 600-plus people who live in the organization's 266 affordable housing apartments. This involves connecting tenants with resources in the community, and otherwise assisting them to empower themselves. He also operates an afterschool tutoring program for elementary- and middle school-age tenants. He serves as staff liaison to the organization's Community Services Committee, made up of residents from across the city who meet to address quality of life issues.

Will also serves on the board of directors of Rebuilding Together Greater Manchester, a nonprofit that provides free home rehabs to low-income seniors, low-income families and low-income disabled individuals to help them live in warmth and independence. The organization coordinates National Rebuilding Day, an annual volunteer event held on the last Saturday of April. Visit their website for more information about events taking place locally, www.rebuildingtogethernh.org

Following graduation Will would like to continue working with the community for social and economic justice. "I see myself serving the community for years to come and I am confident that my UNH Community Leadership degree will increase my effectiveness in this regard," he said. "The Community Leadership Program's course and instructors are providing me a practical framework to change the world."



Photo: Will with Mary Silva from New Horizons for NH, Inc.

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After being closed nearly two years for a major expansion, the Currier Museum of Art, New

