A Message from the President

ach year, the winter issue of the *University of New Haven Alumni Magazine* celebrates the thousands of people who make a profound impact on this institution. We list their names and tell their stories—along with stories of students whose lives they change—in the Honor Roll of Donors.

As I travel across the nation and meet graduates and friends of UNH, I am moved by their motives for giving. Many want to assist a new generation of students, much as they benefited from the generosity of those who came before them. Some want to support academic programs and technology to ensure that the teaching and learning experience here is second to none. Others are intent on helping us enhance our campus facilities, grow our endowment or field competitive athletic teams. Whatever the focus of their philanthropy may be, they share a common goal: to invest in the promise of UNH and in the futures of those who place their trust in us.

The cover of this magazine showcases the latest example of that collective spirit. When presented with the opportunity to help us create one of the world's premier centers for forensic investigation and education, people quickly rose to the occasion. Lead gifts from some of our most generous benefactors, support from our champions in state and local government as well as in Congress, and contributions of all sizes, large and small, from many other dedicated donors and friends combined to make this remarkable resource possible.

Our job here at UNH is to ensure that your contributions continue to pay dividends in the form of lives changed, communities strengthened and problems solved. This issue of the magazine will highlight some of these accomplishments and, I hope, will renew your commitment to our important work.

Please know that your gifts truly make a difference and are deeply appreciated.

With best wishes,

