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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire Great Bay Coast Watch volunteers join Bottomline Technologies and Timberland employees for a coastal clean-up of Dover's Hilton Park Wednesday, Sept. 11. The effort is part of the United Way of the Greater Seacoast's Day of Caring and the New Hampshire Coastal Clean-up.

The Day of Caring is held annually at Seacoast nonprofit agency sites. Last year nearly 1,700 volunteers participated.

"Participating in the Day of Caring is a chance for us to thank the United Way for its help in finding volunteers for our water quality monitoring efforts," says Ann Reid, Great Bay Coast Watch coordinator. "We're able to help the community while sharing our work with a new audience."

Volunteers will remove debris while keeping records of what is found. The data will be forwarded to the New Hampshire Coastal Program and used to track sources of coastal debris. The clean-up is one of many that take place every fall during the New Hampshire Coastal Clean-up, part of the International Coastal Clean-up. Last year nearly a million volunteers from around the globe participated, clearing tons of debris from coastlines, rivers and lakes.

Great Bay Coast Watch is a volunteer water quality monitoring program supported by N.H. Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension.

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