The Communities Executive Council and Alumni Relations recognize the Dartmouth Club of the Piedmont for their excellence in community building and innovation in engaging new volunteers through the “if you volunteer, you can do it” model. This model created an avenue for new volunteers to participate in programming and community engagement by creating various low-lift opportunities for participation.

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The Communities Executive Committee and Dartmouth recognizes Dartmouth Club of the Piedmont for their remarkable effort in community building for a smaller club. We especially commend them for their resilience to several operational and leadership challenges they faced and their commitment to regional engagement. In response to the challenge of low volunteerism, they have adopted the “if you volunteer, you can do it” approach, where they encourage volunteers to plan and host events, while providing communication and financial support. Some of their activities from this model include area hikes, museum tours, Durham Bulls game, and book clubs. They are committed to attracting and developing younger volunteers and leaders to participate in the community. In our eyes, they are an inspiration and reminder that even in the presence of obstacles, we can achieve much.