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STRIVE Newsletter

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Mission Statement

To assist tweens, teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities in utilizing resources within their community so they can participate as viable members of the community.

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STRIVE for 5 Foden Road 5K Race/Walk & Block Party

Join us for STRIVE's First ever 5K! "STRIVE for Five" - Foden Road 5K Race/Walk & Block Party on Saturday, September 15th! Race starts at 8:00am and is followed by a free block party for participants, friends and families. This is a great chance to see the newly renovated STRIVE space and get to know our great neighbors!

Registration for the race is now open and you can [register online here](#) or contact STRIVE at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.



Thank You to our Event Sponsors:



STRIVE Bayside: A Team Centered Approach to Independent Living

STRIVE's new program, STRIVE Bayside, is dedicated to expanding independent living capacity and community connections for people with developmental disabilities! This program will utilize the STRIVE U curriculum which has been used over the past ten years to assist young people with disabilities to live and work in their communities. The main goal of STRIVE Bayside is to work with participants over a two year period to expand their abilities to live a more Independent life. This program will run Monday to Friday from 9:00am—1:00pm.

The Bayside program will begin September 17th and will run out of a 3-bedroom apartment in Back Bay Tower in downtown Portland. Brianna McCabe was recently hired as the STRIVE Bayside Program Coordinator and we are now accepting applications for Team Leader position.

We are now accepting applications for STRIVE Bayside participants!

If you have any questions or would like to sit down and discuss the program please contact Brianna McCabe at (207) 774-6278 or bmccabe@pslservices.org.

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STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction

Join Us for STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction
Ocean Gateway in Portland
October 10th from 6:00-9:00pm

Please save the date and join STRIVE at this year's annual event. Every year this auction proves to be one of the best local events and we want you to share in that success! STRIVE auction committee members are collecting items and would love for you to donate. If your business would like to be a sponsor of this event please contact STRIVE at 207-774-6278

If you would like more information, please contact Kristina Smalley at ksmalley@psslservices.org.



Next STEP Update: STRIVE's Transitional Education Program

Next STEP has been very active in the month of July. We have new participants and are anticipating more people joining us in September. With all the beautiful weather this summer, we have been spending a lot of time in the community. We have been to a Sea Dog's Game, taken a tour of Pineland Farms, watched a presentation at Deering Park, made a visit to Wolf's Neck Farm, and been to various beaches and parks. We have also spent time learning to apply for a job and visiting companies and businesses to get applications and practice completing them. We have done some great art projects and made some delicious meals, as well!

Please see our website to learn more about what we are up to, our teachers and participants:
<http://strivenextstep.yolasite.com/>

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Bill Bughes at (207) 774-6278 or bbughes@psslservices.org.



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STRIVE U News

Applications for the 2012 STRIVE U Experience are available! The weekend long seminar will be a snap shot of a typical week at STRIVE U and is being held September 28th-30th at Camp Tall Pines in Poland. The cost is \$285. For more information contact Erin Berg at (207) 774-6278 or pbrown@pslservices.org.

The annual STRIVE U Open House is set for Saturday, September 8th! Our campus is located on Nye Street in Portland. The event runs from 10am-2pm. You'll have a chance to tour an apartment and meet staff. Applications for the Class of 2015 will also be available at that time. For more information, contact Erin Berg at (207) 774-6278 or pbrown@pslservices.org.

2012 Maine Marathon call for Volunteers



STRIVE is the beneficiary of the 2012 & 2013 Maine Marathon!
STRIVE is honored to have been chosen and excited for this year's race!

We need your help!

STRIVE prides itself on being a mutually beneficial partner and will be running a water stop during the race. This is a very crucial part of the event and we are in need of 25 volunteers to help to pass out water. There are also 25 opportunities to help with finish line clean up.

If you are interested in volunteering with STRIVE at the Maine Marathon on September 30th please contact Kristina Smalley at ksmalley@pslservices.org or by calling the office at 207-774-6278

Thank you in advance for supporting STRIVE in this very special opportunity!

Monday Night Wellness Class Series

Personal Safety Series
 September 10th - October 29th
 Mondays from 5:30-7:00pm

A fun class to learn how to stay safe in many situations: emergencies, at home, the kitchen, the community, etc. We will have special guests including police officers, firemen, American red cross and others to come in and share about how you can stay safe!

This series costs \$20. For more information, contact STRIVE at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.

Wednesday Night Educational Class Series

House Hold Responsibility Series
 September 5th - October 24th
 Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a course all about the responsibilities you have at home! Learn about what to do with your free time, recreational activities, cooking, cleaning, paying bills, etc. This is a great class to learn more about how to be independent!

This series costs \$20. For more information, contact STRIVE at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.

Volunteer & Member News

Camp STRIVE—There is Still Time to Sign Up!

Important Information

- Camp runs daily from 9:00am - 5:00pm.
- Early Drop-off & Late Pick Up are available for an additional cost of \$7 per day and needs to be set up in advance.
- Daily Schedule: to include at least one field trip, craft and physical activity.
- Activities & Field Trips are subject to change depending on the weather. Please dress accordingly.
- Don't forget to pack a lunch and bring a water bottle!
- *** Added Bonus for TWEENS*** Fridays include Tweens Social Program from 3:30 to 5:30pm!
- **Contact Information:**
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Camp STRIVE August Schedule

	6	7	8	9	10
City Search	Scavenger Hunt in Saco	Site Seeing in Kennebunk	Old Port Walking Tour & Farmer's Market Visit	Visit to the Capital & Tour of Augusta	Explore L.L.Bean & Freeport
Made by ME	Movie Making at the Park	Painting at Fort Williams	Mask Making	Create a School Year Calendar	Jewelry Making at Caravan Beads
Island Adventures	Games & Treasure Hunt at Fort Williams *Dress like a pirate!	Explore Macworth Island	Hula & Leis *Dress in a Hawaiian Shirt!	Trip to the Beach & Ice Cream	Last Day of Camp STRIVE! BBQ & Games



Fun Times With Camp STRIVE!

Themed STRIVE Night:
August 31st
6:00-9:00PM


Under The Sea Hawaiian Luau!



Prizes for the Best Costumes!
Juggling by BE Juggler
Limbo Contest
Tasty Snacks
Great Music
Tons of FUN!!!



Member Spotlight:



Josh Shaughnessy

How old are you: 16
Favorite movie:
The Amazing Spiderman
Favorite color: Dark purple
Favorite holiday: My birthday
Coolest thing you've done at STRIVE:
Yarmouth Clam Fest
If you could choose an actor to star in your life story, who would it be: Andrew Garfield
Favorite song:
Take Me Away by The Plain White T's
Dream job: Chef
Something you're really good at:
Track and playing video games

august Birthdays 

Thank you Lisa Yanzer!

Adam Foss	August 1
Kevin Mooney	August 1
Kyle Huot	August 3
Rebecca Peasley	August 7
Patrick Thibodeau	August 12
Samantha Davison	August 13
Kelsie O'Sullivan	August 16
Lidia Woofenden	August 16
Jessenia Vazquez	August 20
Yasmine BenMalek	August 28
Ryan Taylor	August 29
Sophie Rioux	August 31
Averey Flynn	August 31



STRIVE would like to thank Lisa Yanzer, who has been the Special Projects Coordinator for all of her hard work and dedication over the past year. Lisa has finished her one year placement with STRIVE through the Jesuit Volunteer Program and will be headed off to Minnesota for another year of service. We are grateful for the work that Lisa has done with our Monday & Wednesday Night Classes as well as at our Friday social events.

From all of us at STRIVE:
Best of Luck & Thank You Lisa

Aktion Club Update



Aktion Club is a community service organization. If you would like to get involved with Aktion Club please contact Kristina Smalley at 207-774-6278 or ksmalley@pslservices.org.

In July, Aktion Club raised \$55 at their car wash!

Aktion Club's August Meetings:
Wednesday, August 8 and 22 at 3:30pm

Thank You July STRIVE Supporters

Charlene & Allan McHale

Pepper Dining, Inc.

Karen Stephenson

Cynthia & Larry Vaughan

Ameriprise Financial

Deborah Roy From Maine Ballroom Dance

Sluggert the Seadog from the Portland Sea Dogs

August Meetings & Events

STRIVE Theme Night:

Friday, August 31st

6:00-9:00pm

Under the Sea Hawaiian Luau

Prizes for the best costumes!

Member Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, August 10 and 24 at 5:00pm

Kiwaniis Aktion Club

Wednesday, August 8 and 22

STRIVE U Open House

Saturday, September 8th

10:00am—2:00pm

STRIVE For 5 * Foden Road 5K & Block Party

September 15th

Race starts at 8am. Free block party to follow!

STRIVE U Experience Weekend

September 28th-30th

Maine Marathon— STRIVE is the Beneficiary

September 30th

STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction

October 10, 2012

Ocean Gateway, Portland

TWEENS

Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?

Are you looking to make new friends?

Then join us every Friday afternoon from

3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!

August Schedule:

August 3: Make Ice Cream

August 10: UNUM

August 17: Juggling

August 24: American Red Cross: Be Red Cross Ready

August 31: End of Summer Celebration!

Cost is \$10, with scholarships available. See you there!

STRIVE Pictures



Spark's Ark brought many animal friends including an owl!



Spark's Ark telling TWEENS all about opossums!



Brave TWEENS take a turn holding a snake!



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