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STRIVE Newsletter

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3 Points for STRIVE

Did you know that every time the Red Claws make a 3 pointer STRIVE gets a donation? And did you know that you, too, can pledge to make a donation every time the Red Claws make a 3 Pointer? To sign up, complete the pledge card below and mail it to STRIVE to make a one time donation or a donation every time they shoot a 3 pointer. Last year we raised over \$17,500 in sponsorship and & in personal pledges.

Please join us on January 21st for STRIVE's 3 Point Shootout with the Maine Red Claws and Local Celebrities! Teams can be up to five shooters and costs \$25 per team. Don't miss your chance to shoot from the 3 point line on the Expo floor! Spread the word!

We're pleased to have Hammond Lumber Company as our title sponsor, Anthem as an associate sponsor and WMTW News 8 as our Television Sponsor!

Contact Kristina at ksmalley@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278 for more information.



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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3 POINTS FOR STRIVE

196 3 Pointers were made in the 2010-11 Season

Serving Tweens, Teens & Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities

- CHECK ONE: Company Challenge Individual Gift Employer Matching Gift
- I/we pledge \$_____ per 3 pointer made by a Red Claws player during the 2011-2012 season. I/we understand I/we will be billed following the season- after the total 3 pointers has been calculated.
- I/we would prefer to make a contribution in the amount of \$_____.
- Check enclosed
- Please send me an invoice May 1 following the 2011-12 Maine Red Claws season.

Contributor's name or company contact: _____
 Donating Company (if applicable): _____
 Contributor's mailing address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

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STRIVE NEWS

Next STEP: STRIVE's Transitional Education Program

Happy New Year! Next Step had a fun holiday season with a few parties here at Foden Road as well as getting out to several events. Several participants took part in the rally at the State House to voice concern for the proposed cuts in the state budget. This connected well to our work last month around self-advocacy.

We are looking forward to a new semester and some additional changes to the program. Participants helped in the planning and beginning in January we will begin a walking program with the goal over walking at least 75 miles by June. We are going to develop at least two regular volunteer activities in the area as well as everyone becoming members of the Portland Library and taking advantage of the many opportunities provided there. Finally participants had some great ideas for connecting into our community.

We look forward to telling you more over the next several months!



Thank You Program Volunteers!

Next STEP was fortunate to have Kristine Biegel, a Teaching Artist with more than 20 years of experience in the arts, work with the students every Wednesday morning from September to December.

In 2012, Kristine can be found working with Arts are Elementary in Brunswick as a Teaching Artist and you can also find her at the Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center in Rockland running a week long summer art camp. Thank you, Kristine, for sharing your time and talents!

Another huge thank you to Mindy Smith, a volunteer intern who spent time three days a week with Next STEP!

And a big thank you to Amanda Berry, a volunteer intern who spent time two days a week with Next STEP, Monday and Wednesday Night Series and the Afterschool Program!

We are so appreciative for all of your help!



STRIVE NEWS

Save the Date: STRIVE Presentations

STRIVE will be hosting a series of presentations in 2012 directed to parents of youth with disabilities. Our first presentation will occur on the evening of Thursday March 8th. We will provide activities for STRIVE aged participants during this series.

We will have representatives from Social Security, STRIVE, and DHHS to discuss benefits and services as young people transition to adults. We will specifically cover Social Security, MaineCare, and Adult Services for people with Developmental Disabilities.

More information will follow. For more information about Next STEP, this series or to schedule a tour, please contact Bill Hughes, the STRIVE U/Next STEP Program Manager, at bhughes@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278 x 217.



STRIVE U Class of 2014

STRIVE U provides post-secondary education and training to young adults with developmental disabilities. Applications for the Class of 2014 are now available! Move in date for this class is summer 2012.

To request an application or for more information contact Erin Berg at (207) 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org.

Important Dates:

February 1st, 2012: Applications due for Class of 2014

April 1st, 2012: Decision letters go out for Class of 2014

September 8th: STRIVE U Open House

September 28th-30th, 2012: STRIVE U Experience Weekend



Volunteer & Member News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

Thank you to everyone who donated to STRIVE in December!
We appreciate your generous support.

Carlos & Julie Montgomery
Alonzo & Mary Fake
Barry & Barbara Crommett
David & Paula Thompson
Cynthia & Lawrence Vaughan
Randall Orchards
Elizabeth Potter
Allan McHale
Robert Junkins
Jayne & Priscilla Barnes
Daniel & Lisa Randall
Deering High School Senior
Senate & Key Club
Andrew Williamson
Gloria Kierstead
Jeanne & Vito Gaccetta
Sallie & Arthur Huot
Mia Jordan

Jeffrey Dutton
Patrick Callaghan
David Gacetta
Marjorie Twombly
Joe Boulos
David & Fela Shapell Family
Foundation
Bill & Lewanne Hughes
Margaret & Craig Wilson
Eugene Waters
Ray & Ruth Hefflefinger
Florence Johnson
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Richard Knowland
Rachel Morin
Wendy Bush
Carol & Robert Niles
Jeffrey & Alison Nathanson

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

The following donations were made to STRIVE in honor of the life of Ms. Rose Sinclair, grandmother of STRIVE member, Stephanie Sinclair.

Jeffrey Dutton
Jayne & Priscilla Barnes
Daniel & Lisa Randall
Margaret & James Cloutier
Sherman Family Foundation
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Gloria B. Kierstead
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Beverly & Gerald Marion
Andrea & Danielle Skalina
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Can Redemption Program

Get a Green Bag at STRIVE & drop off your cans at a Hannaford Grocery Store. The deposits will go to STRIVE! Every 5 cents counts!



There's no reason not to. You search... We give!

Change your Search Engine
Change your search Engine to GoodSearch and pick STRIVE as your charity!

For each search you do, 1¢ is donated to STRIVE!



STRIVE has started a "Legacy Program" and would be happy to discuss how to write in our organization into your planned giving account.

TWEENS

**Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?
Are you looking to make some new friends?!**
Then join us every Friday afternoon from **3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!**

January Calendar of Events:

January 6th: Good Dogz (Come and learn about all the smart and safe ways to approach and be around pets and animals)
January 13th: Fun Activities with UNUM
January 20th: Game Night with STRIVE Staff
January 27th: Zumba Class



Foreside Tavern Fundraiser

Support STRIVE and enjoy a great meal at Foreside Tavern in Falmouth!

On January 16th there will be a fundraiser at Foreside Tavern starting at 5pm where a percentage of the day's profits will go directly to STRIVE.

We hope to see you there! Thank you to Foreside Tavern for this great opportunity.





Join us for a New Year's STRIVE Night!

January 6, 2012

**Pizza! Dancing!
And More!**



**Member Spotlight:
Tim Larson**

Age: 22 on January 7th!

Favorite Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows I & II

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Dream Job: Play electric guitar in a band

Favorite Song: Pass to the Future (a song written by Tim)

Favorite Band: Big Time Rush & Jonas Brothers

Favorite Food: Chinese Food

If You Could Pick Any Actor to Star in Your Life Story: Zac Efron

Something you are good at: Bowling



January Birthdays



Daniel Lowe	January 1
Lindsay Roberge	January 1
Bruce Andrews	January 5
Lindsay Wallace	January
Virginia Herring	January 13
Christopher Dickerman	January 14
Alexander Kane	January 14
Brooke Post	January 16
Trevor Ashbaugh	January 17
Chris Flagg	January 18
Jonathon Brink	January 18
Mallory Wade	January 22

Cole Shiers	January 22
Billy Petroska	January 23
Samantha Mitchell	January 24
Maranda Provost	January 24
Sean Wilcox	January 25
Jason Laughlin	January 26
Bret Taylor	January 26
Kristina Smith	January 29
Marcus Damie	January 29
Kimberly Creamer	January 30
Patrick Diehl	January 30

Happy Birthday From STRIVE!

Members' Page and Events

Aktion Club



Aktion Club has set its 2012 calendar and will include a variety of volunteer projects throughout the year!

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

Aktion Club's January Meetings:

January 4th and 18th

Wednesday Night Educational Series

Social Etiquette: Jan 4 – Feb 15

Practice and learn social etiquette for the various social situation you might be in! Meeting new people, telephone, meals, email, street etiquette and much more!

Wednesday Nights 6:00-8:00pm

Each series is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Yanzer at 207-774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.

Personal Wellness Class Series

Art Extravaganza: Jan 9 – Feb 27

We will focus on a different art form every week— photography, painting, stamping, drawing, watercolors, beading and more!
Let your inner artist out!

Monday Nights 5:30-7:00pm

Each series is \$20. For more information or to register, contact Lisa Yanzer at 774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.

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January 9—February 27

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Aktion Club

Wednesday, January 4th and 18th

Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, January 13th and 27th

STRIVE Theme Night: Winter Wonderland

Friday, January

6:00-9:00pm

Foreside Tavern Fundraiser

Foreside Tavern in Falmouth

January 16th

STRIVE's 3 Point Shootout with the Maine Red

Claws

Portland Expo

January 21st

STRIVE Pictures



Liza Yanzer & Emma Campbell at Otto's Pizza!

Bennett Agnew & Nate DiDiasa at Otto's Pizza!



TWEENS giving and listening to speeches!



Jeff supporting STRIVE at Wrap for a Reason at the Maine Mall!



Aric Walton, STRIVE's Volunteer of the Year!



Amy Arno receiving her award for STRIVE's Volunteered of the Year!



Chadd Taplin, STRIVE's Alumni Volunteer of the Year!



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