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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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Sign Up For the Summer Term & Beyond with Next STEP



Next STEP

STRIVE'S TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Next STEP Program is a private pay Transitioning Educational Program - focusing on additional educational opportunities and social, recreation and personal wellness.

Next STEP is accepting applications for the summer and fall semesters! If you would like more information on how you or your student could benefit from this unique program please contact the STRIVE Offices. The Next STEP program runs daily Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Students have the option to participate at a full time or part time schedule. Each day is comprised of educational classes, as well as a focus on social, recreational and wellness activities. Sample topics include: money management, independent life skills, nutrition, transportation, personal safety and have incorporated a variety of transferable skills through each class.

Please contact the STRIVE Offices if you would like us to work with your student and personalize a schedule!

Next Term begins:

June 20-August 26

Please visit www.pslstrive.org to obtain more information, a fact sheet and the application. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit please contact

STRIVE's Breakfast at the Ballpark was a Home Run



Thank you to all of the STRIVE and Portland Sea Dog's Fans that came out to the 1st Breakfast at the Ballpark held on Memorial Day!

Over 100 people attended the breakfast and meet and greet with the Portland Sea Dogs!

It was a great day to spend at the ballpark- attendants received a commemorative STRIVE Portland Sea Dogs Team Picture, had an autograph session, followed by the opportunity to play catch on Hadlock Field and enjoy a great baseball game!

Thank you to all that supported STRIVE!

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STRIVE U News



3rd Annual STRIVE U Experience

Are you thinking about applying to STRIVE U? Want to learn more about the program? Pack up your stuff and join us at the 3rd Annual STRIVE U Experience.

When: September 30th-October 2nd
Where: Camp Tall Pines in Poland, Maine
Cost: \$285.00 (includes everything!)

Applications are now available.
Applicants will be accepted on a first come first served basis, subject to program eligibility.

For more information, please contact Erin Berg at 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org

TWEEN Friday Afternoon Socials

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!
Tweens Runs YEAR-Round

June's Calendar of Events:

June 3: Reverse Tie Dye
June 10: Journey Dance
June 17: Beach Bash BBQ
June 24: Maine Children's Museum
Inflatable Planetarium



Calling All Campers! Sign Up Today for CAMP STRIVE



June 20 - August 26

Summer Camp is right around the corner!

Make sure you sign up today!
Contact: Kristina Smalley at 207-774-6278

Camp runs daily from 9am to 5pm - early drop off and late pick up options are available

Each day Camp STRIVE spends the majority of the day out in the community participating in a variety of activities. While at STRIVE campers will have the opportunity to do arts & crafts, cooking, group games and sports! Theme weeks will include: City Search, Island Adventure, "Gaming", Outdoor Explorers, Art & Soul, Fun on the Farm, Creative Cooking, Maine Made, Mad Science and Sports Fans!

Camp is \$45 per day of \$200 for the week! Check out our website at www.pslstrive.org for more details

STRIVE NEWS

Features At Fenway STRIVE Bus Trip!

FUTURES AT FENWAY

August 20, 2011



Who Doesn't Love Baseball? Who wants to go to Fenway Park in Boston on a Charter Bus!
\$40 per person gets you the VIP Treatment!

Leaving from STRIVE at 9am and returning at 9pm on a VIP Bus Plus Entrance to both the Portland Seadogs & Pawtucket Red Sox Games

DON'T DELAY!
Order your Tickets TODAY! Before the bus sells out!
Call STRIVE at: 207- 774-6278

Softball Tournament

Sunday July 17th
Wainwright Sports Complex, South Portland

Due to rainy weather in May, this event has been rescheduled for July 17th

Thank you to Reliant Mortgage Company for hosting this event and supporting the STRIVE Programs!

If you would like to go and watch the games or for more information on how you can help please contact Meg Robinson at MRobinson@reliantloan.com Or the STRIVE Office at 207-774-6278



STRIVE NIGHT at the Portland Seadogs



Niels Doughty, a STRIVE U student has been hired to sell 500 Sea Dogs tickets, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit STRIVE! Tickets are only \$6!

Join us Thursday, June 9th for
STRIVE Night at Hadlock Field as the
Portland Sea Dogs battle the Richmond Flying Squirrels.

Buy your tickets directly from Niels and save \$1.00 per ticket!
 For more information, call 207-774-6278

Game:
 Thursday, June 9th, 7:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 pm)
 Tickets are \$6.00 General Admission

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

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

Jean Roberts
James and Catherine Brown
Elizabeth Potter
David and Elodie Faulkner
Catherine Field
Peter and Judith Haynes
Otis Atwell
Eric Wright and Roberta Lipsman
Susan Pynchon
Glenn Johnson

Thank You To ProSearch

Pro Search, Inc. hosted a STRIVE U. Employment Partner celebration at the Portland Country Club on May 5th. Prospective employers had the opportunity to talk with students and current employment partners about their experiences working with STRIVE U. A first and second year STRIVE U student spoke to the audience about how much they enjoy their jobs and coworkers, how their work enhances their self confidence, provides valuable learning opportunities, and gives them a solid professional foundation upon which to build their future. The Legacy Award was given to MEMIC for their ongoing support and participation in the STRIVE U employment program since 2004. The Newcomer award was given to Disability RMS for their extraordinary training and commitment to partnering with STRIVE U. We extend special thanks to Walgreens for becoming our newest employment partner. A second year student was recently hired for a permanent position in their new Marginal Way store. Many thanks to all of our dedicated STRIVE U business partners for helping our students achieve independence through meaningful employment!

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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!



Donate to the Wish List

Office Supplies
Video Games
Sports Equipment
Frozen Pizzas
Markers, Scissors, Paper Cutter

Thank you To EnviroLogix

STRIVE Would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers from EnviroLogix who spent a day cleaning up and beautifying the STRIVE Building. The hardworking group:

- Cleaned the Kitchens & Re-Organized cupboards
- Painted the STRIVE Friday Night Space
- Painted the Bathrooms
- Set up the New Camp STRIVE Room
- Completed many repairs

STRIVE is beyond appreciative of the dedication of these volunteers.

From all of us at STRIVE- THANK YOU!!!



STRIVE Legacy Program



Introducing the STRIVE Legacy Program
Leave A Gift. Leave A Legacy.

STRIVE would like to introduce it's newest venture in fundraising as well as sustainability. What better way to give to STRIVE than to plan ahead and incorporate STRIVE into your planned giving. We understand that times are economically difficult for many people these days. That is why STRIVE has started a "Legacy Program" and would be happy to discuss how to write in our organization into your planned giving account.

For more information on STRIVE's Legacy Program please contact Peter Brown at (207) 774-6278 or pbrown@psservices.org



Join STRIVE for a **BeACH BaSh**

Activities planned:
Limbo & Volley Ball
Face Paint
Make your own Leis
Dancing, Snacks & Tons of Fun!



Member Spot Light: Chandler Hawkes

Favorite Food: Ice Cream Sandwiches

Favorite Movie: Power Rangers

Any Siblings? 2 Sisters

If you could have 1 holiday every day, what would it be?
My Birthday...It's Awesome

Coolest thing you've done at STRIVE: Dance Marathon

If you could choose an actor to star in your life story, who would it be? Sponge Bob

Favorite song right now: Barbara Ann, Beach Boys

Exciting Plans for the Summer? Camping & Swimming

Dream job?: I work at Shaw's, It's great!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



William Irons	June 1	Brad Ouellette	June 11
Brandon Temple	June 1	Kaylee Blake	June 13
Courtney Houde	June 2	Brandon Kinney	June 16
Carolyn Lewis	June 5	Diana Kasyanov	June 16
Tommy LaBerge	June 5	Dylan Markee	June 18
Nick Mercier	June 6	Caleb Dunlap	June 21
Amanda Brash	June 6	Parker McCormack	June 23
Sabrina Holmes	June 6	Emily Bell	June 25
Joshua Morrill	June 8	Nathan Lopez	June 28
Kyle Herrle	June 8	Ashley Low	June 29
Eric Johnson	June 8		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!

Members' Page

Aktion Club - CAR WASH June 22nd from 3:30-5pm!



Aktion Club has set its 2011 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.



JUNE 22nd
STRIVE CENTER
 Have your car cleaned while at STRIVE and Supporting Aktion Club!

Wednesday Night Educational Series

June Events



There's still time to join the Be Green class! We've started 3 class gardens outside, herb gardens inside, and some recycled art projects, but we still have plenty to learn!

Contact Kate to register:
 207-774-6278 or
 kreingold@psslservices.org

May 4th - July 20th
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

- Advisory Board Meeting:
June 10 & 24 from 5:00- 5:45pm
- Aktion Club:
June 8 & 22 from 3:30-4:00pm
- Monday Night Wellness Series:
ZUMBA - April 4- June 20 from 5:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday Night Educational Class:
Be Green! Sustainable Living-
May 4- July 20 from 6:00-8:00pm
- Theme Night: Beach Bash!
June 17 - from 6:00-9:00pm
- STRIVE Night at the Portland Sea Dogs: June 9
- Camp STRIVE: June 20
- Next STEP- Term 2: June 20
- STRIVE U Graduation:Class of 2011 - June 25
- STRIVE U Move-in Day: Class of 2013 - June 26

Upcoming Events

- Reliant Mortgage Softball Tourney: July 17
- Features at Fenway Bus Trip: August 20



August 31 - November 2 **Wednesdays 6-8pm**

This popular class series is back! Mark your calendars for this end-of-summer series on dating safety and healthy relationships presented by Sexual Assault Response Services of Maine.

To register, contact Kate at 207-774-6278 or
 kreingold@psslservices.org

STRIVE PICTURES



Fire Safety with
Tweens & the South Portland Fire Department



Thank you to the amazing Volunteers from EnviroLogix



(above) Portland Sea Dog Player signing autographs at the
Breakfast at the Ball Park.
(below) Commemorative STRIVE & Portland Sea Dogs Picture
from the Breakfast at the Ball Park



It's that Time of Year!
Eric's Pizza Express is NOW OPEN!
You can find Eric on Commercial St. near Casco Bay Lines





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- Upcoming events
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Did you Know...

STRIVE sends out a monthly
electronic newsletter!

Sign up online

to make sure you are up to date!

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