



STRIVE



STRIVE Monthly E-Newsletter

March 2012

Dear friend,

Thank you for reading the STRIVE March e-newsletter - we have so much good news to share! As always, we welcome any questions, comments or feedback!

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Wright Express 2012 Dance Marathon

We had an amazing time at the 2012 Wright Express STRIVE Rocks! Dance Marathon Presented by MEMIC! Thank you to the many dancers, volunteers and sponsors who helped to make this event the success that it was!



Transition Information Sessions Brought To You By STRIVE

STRIVE has kicked off a [series of presentations](#) in 2012 directed to parents of youth with disabilities. Our first presentation happened on Thursday, March 8th. Thank you to the speakers and to all of the families who came to the presentation. More information on our next presentation will be coming soon and

With your help STRIVE raised \$40,121.93 at this year's Dance Marathon and had over 450 dancers and 100 volunteers participate!

[Check out our latest video on YouTube - a huge THANK YOU from STRIVE staff to the many supporters of this year's Dance Marathon!](#)



Thank You!

This year's top fundraiser was Sara Brown who raised \$1,045! Thank you, Sara, and congratulations!

Check out pictures from the event on [STRIVE's Facebook page!](#)

And a huge thank you to our amazing sponsors - [Wright Express](#), [Martin's Point](#), [MEMIC](#), [Rowe Westbrook](#) and [Unified Technologies!](#) For a full list of financial and in-kind sponsors and donations please visit [STRIVE's website](#).

STRIVE at the Maine Mall and On The Portland Time and Temp Building!

STRIVE had two very exciting promotional opportunities leading up to the Dance Marathon!

We were thrilled to be on the Time and Temperature Building's lighted sign in

can be found on the [STRIVE website](#).

For more information about [this series](#), please contact Bill Hughes, the STRIVE U/Next STEP Program Manager, at bhughes@pslservices.org or 207-774-6278 x 217.

Next STEP Update



[Next STEP](#) continues to expand our programs and experiences. Rory and Kristine

have joined our team and have brought a lot of new ideas and energy.

We have begun volunteering once a week at the Root Cellar in Portland. We are assisting the people with the clothing closet that they have each week. We have continued our weekly trips to the Portland Public Library. We have begun making our own lunch each Friday starting with working within budget, identifying a recipe that everyone likes, shopping for the needed items, and working together to make our meal. We have continued to work hard on money management and understanding what it means to work within a budget when you live on your own.

We will be adding another volunteer opportunity to the program in the coming month as well as other new opportunities and experiences.

The [Next STEP](#) participants have developed their own web page that is

Portland. Our message read *STRV RCKS!* Thank you to the [Law Office of Joe Bornstein](#) for the exciting opportunity to see our name in bright lights!

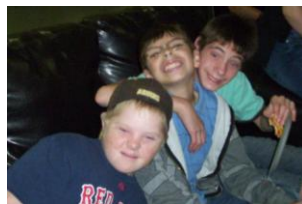
Our second exciting promotional opportunity was to spend over a week at the [Maine Mall](#) promoting the Dance Marathon! We had two big TVs set up for people to play Just Dance 3 and Dance Central 2! The highest score dancers won entrances to the Dance Marathon. Thank you to the [Maine Mall](#) and to everyone who came out to support us and dance!



Special Visitors at the Maine Mall

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!



TWEENS February Schedule:

March 2: YOGA with an instructor
March 9: Group games
March 16: St. Patty's Day Celebration - wear green!
March 23: Activities with UNUM

linked to the STRIVE web site. [Check it out!](#)

If you have any questions about [Next Step](#) please contact Bill Hughes

at tbhughes@pslservices.org or 207-774-6278.

February Donors

Gifts in Memory and In Honor

John and Kimberly Najarian - In honor of Luke St. Clair

Keith Rowe - In memory of Harlan and Eileen Rowe

Gifts Given Through United Way Giving

Angela Albert

Janet DiBiase

Mary Jo Dougherty

Elaine Gervais

Charlene McHale

Charles Mercer

Evelyn Whelan

Month of February Donors

Elaine Smalley

George Hutchins

Otis Atwell

Saco & Biddeford Savings

Roger and Sharon Hoyt (In Memory of Rose Sinclair)

Paul Meserve (In Memory of Rose Sinclair)

Michele Hallett

PLH & JAH

Glenn and Doris Meehan

Roberta Lipsman

Thomas McKeon

Leon and Lisa Gorman

Archie and Lois Dennison

Carlos and Julie Montgomery

Robert Junkins

Shelia and Kenneth Ouellette

March 30: April Fool's Day Celebration

Aktion Club

Volunteer your time and give back to your community with Aktion Club!

Aktion Club Meeting

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 14th
and 28th at 3:30pm



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

April Camp: April 16th-20th

Have some fun with STRIVE on your school vacation! Camp runs from 9am-5pm and we have a packed schedule of fun activities!

[Visit our website for more information.](#)

To register, contact Brianna at bmccabe@pslservices.org or 207-774-6278.



February Camp Snow Tubing!

Gina Barnes
Ellen Mugar
David and Sharon Michaud
Philip and Barbara Brown
Lea Tunney
William Gourde
Peter and Karen Jannace
Lawrence and Cynthia Vaughan
Guy and Shirley LaBranche
Jennifer and James Clair
E.C. and Catherine Sanders
NSME Community Care Team - National Semiconductor
Anne and Mervell Cronin
John and Carol Makrides
Nappi Distributors
Richard and Karen Gauthier
Keith Rowe
William and Susan Clifford
Patricia Rumney
Henry and Monica Recknagel
Robert Junkins
Bruce McFarland

Patricia Kuroswki



Learn more about STRIVE's Legacy Program

3 Points for STRIVE

Visit our website to learn more about [3 Points for STRIVE](#) or [print a pledge card](#) to donate money every time the Red Claws make a 3 pointer!

Thank you to our sponsors - [the Maine Red Claws](#), [Hammond Lumber](#)

March Birthdays: Happy Birthday from STRIVE!

Michael Kendirck - March 1
Michael Fournier - March 1
Arielle Richardson - March 1
Chris Tibbetts - March 2
Creed Ray - March 3
Michael Laughlin - March 3
Brian Harbaugh - March 6
Sherm Perry - March 6
Lynsey St. Peter - March 6
Scott Thompson - March 7
Jacob Jackson - March 9

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More March Birthdays!

Jessica Cossaboom - March 15
April Tedesco - March 17
Hillary Lawrence - March 19
Bennett Agnew - March 21
Melissa Mann - March 22
Brandon Cronk - March 23
Sarah Zwicker - March 24
Casey Ward - March 25
William Duhamel - March 25
Kathleen Shevenell - March 30
Lorje Salamonski - March 31

Member Spotlight: John Paul Brower

How old are you? 20

What is your favorite movie? Shrek

What is your favorite color? Red

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas! Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas!

What is the coolest thing you've done at STRIVE? Spending time with my friends at STRIVE Night

What is your favorite song or band? Poker Face by Lady GaGa

What is your dream job? Pizza Chef

What is something you are really good at? I am good at being funny and dancing



Monday and Wednesday Classes

Zumba Gold Dance Craze:

Mondays, March 26th -May 21st

Zumba is a popular class at STRIVE! It involves a mix of aerobics and Latin dance. Certified Zumba Gold Instructor Becki Jacques leads you through the fun way to get in shape for summer! Great for a wide range of physical abilities! Class runs from 5:30-7pm.



Community Connections:

Wednesdays, March 7th-May 2nd

Do you know all the amazing opportunities your community has to offer you? Come and learn about the different opportunities that are right in your own community! Class runs from 6-8pm.

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

March Events and Meetings

Advisory Board Meeting: March 9th and 23rd

St. Patrick's Theme STRIVE Night: March 16th

Bayside Bowl Nonprofit Day: March 19th
(5% of Bayside Bowl's revenue for the day go to STRIVE!)

World Down Syndrome Day: March 21st

Southern Maine Autism Conference: March 31st

STRIVE U Acceptance letters mailed out: April 1st

Advisory Board Elections: April 20th

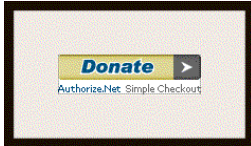
Easy Ways to Support STRIVE



Change your search Engine to GoodSearch and pick STRIVE as your charity! For each search you do, 1¢ is donated to STRIVE!



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



Make a donation online now!



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Thank you for your support! If you have any questions about a STRIVE program, feedback on our e-newsletters or any other information you'd like to share, please contact us at info@pslstrive.org or 207-774-6278.

Sincerely,

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Thank you from the STRIVE Staff - click on the photo for staff contact information.

