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STRIVE Newsletter

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Thank You to everyone who volunteered, attended and donated to STRIVE's 7th Annual Live and Silent Auction on October 5th! With your help we were able to raise over \$35,000 for STRIVE!

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 giving their Business of the Year award to the Iberdrola USA Foundation



Guests exploring the many great auction items



Scott Kerr, Chrystie Corns and Peter Vachon



STRIVE U student, Kate McHale speaking about her experiences with STRIVE and STRIVE U



STRIVE U student, Ryan Taylor speaking about his experiences with STRIVE and STRIVE U



Guests reviewing auction items

Next STEP: A Private Pay Transitioning Educational Program

Next Step participants continue to engage in educational and social/recreational activities in class and our community. In October, we worked on preparing for employment in various ways including getting along with co-workers, learning to answer the phone in a business, filing, working on resumes and more. We also worked on social skills and decision making. This included strategies around problem solving, conversations and relationship circles.

The group did a lot of activities at Foden Road and beyond including gardening, cooking, walks while working on safety skills, making pickles from the cucumbers in the garden and a special tour of the USM campus. Thank you Stacy Stewart for the great tour!

We look forward to November when will start exploring information on Self Advocacy and Nutrition as well as identifying some goals that we will begin to work on at home.

The Next STEP program runs daily Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, contact Bill Hughes at bhughes@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.

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 Runs YEAR-Round**

November Calendar of Events:

November 4th: Turkey Puzzle Challenge,
Musical Chairs and write cards for the
troops!

November 11th: No Tweens—STRIVE
closed

November 18th: Safety City and Harvest
Party

November 25th: No Tweens—STRIVE
closed



**UNUM visited TWEENS in October and brought lots of
fun activities—treat bags and cupcakes to decorate, a
fun hot potato game, and prizes for everyone!**

STRIVE U News

Applications for the STRIVE U Class of 2014 are now available!

STRIVE U provides post-secondary education and training to young adults with developmental disabilities. If you're hoping to be part of the STRIVE U Class of 2014, now is the time to apply.

This class would move in June, 2012.

Applications must be returned to the admissions office by 5:00pm February 1, 2012.

To request an application, schedule a tour or for more information contact the Admissions Office:

Erin Berg
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Afterschool Program



STRIVE's [Afterschool Program](#) gives students a safe, structured option for when school is not in session.

The afterschool program runs Monday through Thursday from the release of school until 5pm and costs \$14/hour.

This program can be utilized on a day to day basis. Students can come anywhere from one to four days a week and the program is also flexible on drop off and pick up times.

Students participate in similar activities to Camp STRIVE - activities like apple picking, football in Deering Oaks, and making healthy snacks.

For more information, please contact Brianna McCabe at bmccabe@psslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

Thank you to those who donated to STRIVE in September!
We appreciate your generous support.

Greg and Lorriane Cyr
Jennifer Rooks & Michael Moran
Joan Denio
Shoshana & Jeremy Bannett –in memory of
Jake Shapell
Cynthia & Larry Vaughan
Timothy Agnew
Ron & Sara Bancroft

Special Thank You

A Very Special Thank You to [UNUM](#) for donating their time and resources to our TWEENS program once a month!



Another Special Thank You to Jesse Lowell and troop 86 out of Gray for building and donating this beautiful shed to STRIVE!

Easy Ways to Help Support STRIVE!

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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 Books!

We are taking books and DVDs to sell online. Feel free to donate if you have any! You can drop them off at the STRIVE Center at 28 Foden Road.

STRIVE's Wish List

Donate Items to STRIVE!
Craft projects
Frozen Pizzas and other food for cooking
Office Supplies
Video Games
Sports Equipment
Other ideas? Contact Brianna at bmccabe@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.

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@pslservices.org



Harvest STRIVE Night!

Join us for a very special Harvest STRIVE Night on Friday, November 18th!

Delicious treats will be served!



Member Spotlight: Caleb Dunlap

How old are you? 16

What is your favorite Movie?
The Princess and the Frog

If every day could be one holiday, what holiday would it be? Valentine's Day

What is your Favorite Color? Pink

If you could choose an actor to star in your life story, who would it be? Kendal from Big Time Rush

Favorite Song? My Heart Will Go On by Celine Dion

What is your dream job? Working in a Nursing Home

Coollest Thing You've Done at STRIVE? Journey Dance at M.O.G with Camp STRIVE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ted Prescott	November 3
Bart Kyle Brown	November 5
James Finlay	November 7
Mark Hoglund	November 8
Gregory Gulino	November 9
Cullen Whiting	November 10
David Estes	November 13
Ashley Elliott	November 14
Scott King	November 17
Grace Decker-Fetherolf	November 22
Fred Warren	November 23
Patrick Cox	November 28
Alexis Cote	November 29

Members' Page and Events

Aktion Club



Aktion Club meetings this month: Wednesday, November 9th and 23rd!

Join Aktion Club for a special outing for our Wednesday, November 9th meeting—we will be headed to the Ronald MacDonald House to deliver the soda tabs we've collected over the year!

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 or ksmalley@pslservices.org

Wednesday Night Educational Series

**Winter Book Worms: 5 week reading series
Wednesday, November 16th – December 14th**

We will be splitting our class into two parts every week. The first half we will be reading a part of the Classic Alice in Wonderland and then watch the correlating part of the movie.

The second half we will be focusing on different reading options including (Magazines, Comic Book reading and making, Poetry reading and writing, play reading and acting)

Our final class will be finishing our book and showing the full length video of the new Alice in Wonderland!
Don't miss this awesome 5 week class!

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



November Meetings & Events

**REMINDER: STRIVE Closed on
November 11th, November 24th and 25th**

**No Tweens or STRIVE Night on Friday, November
11th and 25th**

Iron Chef STRIVE

Monday, November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday Night Educational Class

Last Healthy Relationships Class
November 2nd
6:00-8:00pm

Aktion Club

Wednesday, November 9th and 23rd

Aktion Club Trip to Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, November 9th

Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, November 11th and 25th

Wednesday Night Educational Class

Winter Book Worms Class
November 16th - December 14th
6:00-8:00pm

STRIVE Theme Night: Harvest Party!

Friday, November 18th
6:00-8:00pm

STRIVE PICTURES

Hallow-Tweens and Halloween STRIVE Night Pictures!





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electronic newsletter!

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to make sure you are up to date!*

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