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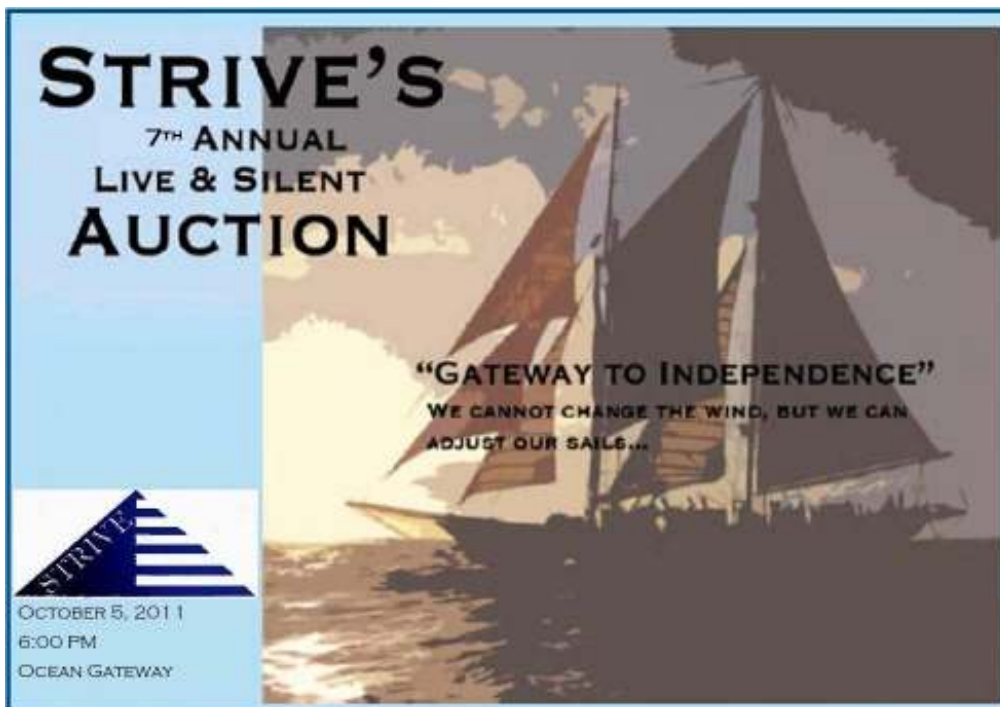
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Mission Statement

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'S Annual Auction is Wednesday, October 5th!

STRIVE invites you to join us for our [7th Annual Live and Silent Auction](#), "Gateway to Independence", on Wednesday, October 5th, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Ocean Gateway in Portland.

Join us and host Jennifer Rooks from MPBN for a live and silent auction, the Diamond Surprise, delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

To see a complete list of live and silent auction items visit our [Auction Website](#) (<http://striveauction.wordpress.com/>)!

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door. To purchase your ticket, contact Kristina at (207) 774-6278 or ksmallley@pslservices.org.

| Sign Up For Next STEP | TWEENS |
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| <p>The Next STEP Program is a private pay Transitioning Educational Program</p> <p>Focusing on additional educational opportunities and social, recreation and personal wellness.</p> <p>The Next STEP program runs daily Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.</p> <p>Sign up for the Winter Term!</p> <p>If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, contact Bill Hughes at bhughes@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.</p> | <p>Are you between the ages of 11 and 14? Are you looking to make some new friends?!</p> <p>Then join us every Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center! **Tweens Runs YEAR-Round**</p> <p><u>October Calendar of Events:</u> October 7th: Safety City October 14th: Halloween Activities with UNUM October 21st: Carve a Pumpkin October 28th: Halloween Party!</p> |

STRIVE U Works

STRIVE U first year students successfully completed Employment Boot Camp. They are also working on resumes prior to participating in mock interviews, scheduled for October 6th by Brian Brinegar of Market Decisions. Brian was last year's STRIVE U commencement speaker and has once again generously donated his time in conducting ongoing professional practice interviews for STRIVE U students. The experience is particularly valuable, for students will be able to view and self-critique their interview recorded via hidden cameras and microphones. All first year students have agreed to participate in this fun and educational activity.

MEMIC has hired a second year STRIVE U student for a valuable paid internship that extends until graduation. An experienced employment partner whose team has developed a model placement with excellent training and supervision as well as a schedule of tasks requiring increasing levels of skill and competence, we thank MEMIC for their continued support of STRIVE U's mission. Disability RMS, a new employment partner in 2010 also supports STRIVE U with a valuable long-term placement in which a student can learn additional and increasingly complex office tasks at their own pace.

Cranberry Island Kitchen recently conducted a tour and job shadow for a second year STRIVE U student. The efficiency and high standards of this local bakery were evident in the beautiful, delicious and unique products they offer such as pumpkin whoopie pies with cream, maple, orange or espresso filling, Lucky Lobster shortbread and Sunshine Sand Dollars. Cartridge World, Portland Public Library and Systems Engineering have also agreed to support STRIVE U students with job shadow experiences.

Our newest addition to STRIVE U Employment Partners is Woodard & Curran, an integrated engineering, science, and operations company. Privately held and steadily growing with 600 employees, they serve public and private clients locally and nationwide. Thanks to Cara, Ellie, Amy and Heather for their support in making this placement happen! Our thanks to Drummond Woodsum, Clark Insurance, Macpage, and Berry Dunn for their commitment to supporting STRIVE U students in achieving their goal of independence through competitive employment.

Please contact MaryAnn Schwanda, Employment Coordinator to find out the many benefits of becoming a STRIVE U Employment Partner: mschwanda@pslservices.org or call 207-774-6278.

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.

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

To request an application or for more information contact the Admissions Office:

Erin Berg
(207) 774-6278
eberg@pslservices.org

STRIVE U Has Won an Award!

STRIVE U recently won the *Education Works for Maine Award* from FAME (the Finance Authority of Maine). STRIVE will receive this award in November!



STRIVE U Experience



The 3rd annual STRIVE U Experience was held September 30th - October 2nd at Camp Tall Pines in Poland, Maine.

12 young men and women participated this year.

Congrats to the following for completing the weekend program!

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

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

CL Herter

Gordon and Laurie Oliver

Cynthia and Larry Vaughan

Special News

Congratulations to Chris Cameron and Sarah Begin who are to be married October 22nd and have requested that, in lieu of gifts, contributions be made to STRIVE!

Congratulations to Chris and Sarah and thank you for your generosity!

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.

Monday Wellness Volunteers Needed!

STRIVE is looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen for our next Monday Wellness series, Iron Chef STRIVE.

The series runs from October 3rd– December 12th, every Monday from 5:30-7pm. Come share your skills with our STRIVE members!

Contact Lisa at 774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.



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



Halloween STRIVE Night!
Join us Friday, October 28th
Wear Your Costume!



Best Costume gets an awesome prize!
Treat Bags!
Halloween Party of the Century!



Member Spotlight:
Jacob Lessard

How old are you? 20

What is your favorite Movie? Saw

If every day could be one holiday, what holiday would it be? Halloween

What are your favorite colors? Blue

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

Favorite type of music? Akon

What is your dream job? Working in a hospital to help people

What is something you are really good at doing? Stacking shelves neatly and organizing things

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
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| Erik Santiago | October 2 | Austin Dufour | October 12 |
| Chris Salley | October 3 | Scott Lizotte | October 13 |
| David Egan | October 4 | Danielle Colello | October 14 |
| Ben Rubinstein | October 4 | Kelly Bruey | October 15 |
| Gary Rubinstein | October 4 | Nathaniel Sayward | October 17 |
| Ralph Hynes | October 4 | Thomas Woodman | October 20 |
| Craig Chadbourne | October 5 | Stacey Bruns | October 21 |
| Dan Willette | October 5 | Brian Clark | October 22 |
| Jonathan Sarapas | October 6 | Robert Crowe | October 23 |
| Cory Quattrucci | October 6 | Haley Bourgoin | October 23 |
| Heather Mitchell | October 6 | Russell Tracy | October 25 |
| Nathaniel Small | October 6 | Lacey Leighton | October 27 |
| Eliza Dodd | October 7 | Tammy Delano | October 27 |
| Jenn Carlson | October 9 | Jake Hair | October 28 |
| Christina Wotton | October 9 | Michael Jacobs | October 29 |
| Ben Blaisdell | October 10 | Samantha Kelewae | October 29 |
| Derrick Justin Charette | October 10 | Alex Clark | October 30 |
| Zach Brix | October 11 | Pamela Sands | October 30 |

Members' Page and Events

Aktion Club



On Saturday, September 24th Aktion Club hosted an awesome Saturday movie — Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory! Thanks to everyone who came out.

October Aktion Club meetings are Wednesday, October 12th and 26th. See you there!

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.

Monday Night Wellness Class



Calling all chefs to the kitchen! We'll start off with the basics, like kitchen and food safety and healthy eating, then more into the kitchen for some delicious competitions!

**October 3rd–
December 12th**

Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm

Contact Lisa at lyanzer@pslservices.org or 207-7746278

October Meetings & Events

Iron Chef STRIVE

October 3rd—December 12th

Wednesday Night Educational Class

Healthy Relationships

August 31– November 2- from 6:00-8:00pm

7th Annual Live & Silent Auction

October 5th at 6:00PM

Ocean Gateway, Portland

Please save the date! If you know of someone who would like to donate an item to the auction please contact 207-774-6278.

Aktion Club

October 12th and 26th

Advisory Board Meeting

October 14th and 28th

Autism Conference in Augusta

October 15

STRIVE will have a table at this event

STRIVE Theme Night: Halloween Party!

October 28th from 6-9pm

Wednesday Night Educational Series

Winter Book Worms

Wednesday 6-8pm

November 16th - December 14th

Spend a winter day curled up with a good book at STRIVE

We will read and discuss one mid-level fiction

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

STRIVE PICTURES



Some tweens enjoying STRIVE Idol!



Mary and Destiny at Tween STRIVE Idol



Noah singing some Taylor Swift



Watching the performances at STRIVE Idol!



Patrick and Jimmy enjoying some ice cream



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- Upcoming events
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electronic newsletter!

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to make sure you are up to date!*

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