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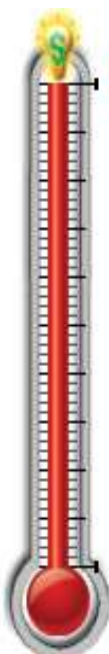
Mission Statement

To assist 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 Receives \$50,000 Grant Completes Challenge Grant and Capital Campaign!



\$1,560,000!!

On August 6, 2009, STRIVE received a \$50,000 grant from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation. This grant, for our STRIVE U Program, completes the \$50,000 Challenge Grant given in June by the Lunder Foundation. With both grants, and the \$100,000, this completes STRIVE U's Capital Campaign and will allow us to purchase the 3rd apartment building on our Residential Campus, as well as to make one student apartment fully handicap accessible! STRIVE U also received contributions from the Shores Foundation, Wright Express and Marjorie Twombly towards the matching grant.

This completes our Capital Campaign- as we have reached our \$1.56 million dollar goal! Special thanks to the Capital Campaign Committee, made up of the following volunteers:

Steve Jordan, Gerri Prentice, Rachel Williams-Clifford, Kay Rand, Tim Agnew, and Dave Thompson.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Capital Campaign- we will be holding a celebration event in the near future!

STRIVE named United Way's 6 Who Care AGENCY OF DISTINCTION



Each year, WCSH-6 in partnership with the United Way of Greater Portland and TD Bank award the 6 Who Care Awards. These awards recognize 6 individual volunteers for exemplary service to their community. In addition, one nonprofit organization is chosen, and this year we are proud to announce that STRIVE has been selected as the 2010 Agency of Distinction.

STRIVE will receive an the award, and a cash prize, at an award ceremony to be held on October 15th. In addition, WCSH will then run a primetime special that features all of the winner's stories- including STRIVE! On behalf of everyone here at STRIVE- thanks to those who make STRIVE the special place it is. We're very proud of this recognition, and will be inspired to continue to improve our programs and serve our community!

Thank you- and stay tuned for more information on when the special will air!

STRIVE NEWS

STRIVE U Open House: September 11th



STRIVE U Open House
Come and see what
STRIVE U is all about!

Date: Saturday, September 11th

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Place: 7, 11, &12 Nye Street in Portland

Take a tour of our campus, meet our staff and students.
Applications for the Class of 2013 will be available.
For more information, contact Erin Berg at 207-774-6278 or
eberg@pslservices.org

Sign Up for the STRIVE U Experience

**Applications for the STRIVE U Experience
Are Still Available!**

We're still accepting applications for the STRIVE U Experience! The weeklong event is a snapshot of a typical week at STRIVE U. It's being held October 1st-3rd at Camp Tall Pines in Poland. 25 applicants will be accepted on a first come first served basis, subject to program eligibility. The cost is \$285 and includes everything! Contact Erin Berg for more information eberg@pslservices.org or 207-774-6278



STRIVE U Welcomes MaryAnn Schwanda

STRIVE U is pleased to welcome MaryAnn Schwanda to our team. MaryAnn's role will be to work with our existing business partners to maintain productive and mutually beneficial relationships- as well as to meet with interested companies to develop new job opportunities. STRIVE U students work approximately 10-12 hours per week. If you or your company would like more information, please contact MaryAnn at mschwanda@pslservices.org or call (207) 774-6278 ext 212. Welcome MaryAnn!

STRIVE Night at the Maine Red Claws



Join STRIVE on Thursday night,
January 6, 2011 for
"STRIVE Night"
with the Maine Red Claws!

Tickets are available for just \$7 each-
\$2 from every ticket sold will benefit STRIVE.
For more info or to purchase tickets- please e-mail
info@pslstrive.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

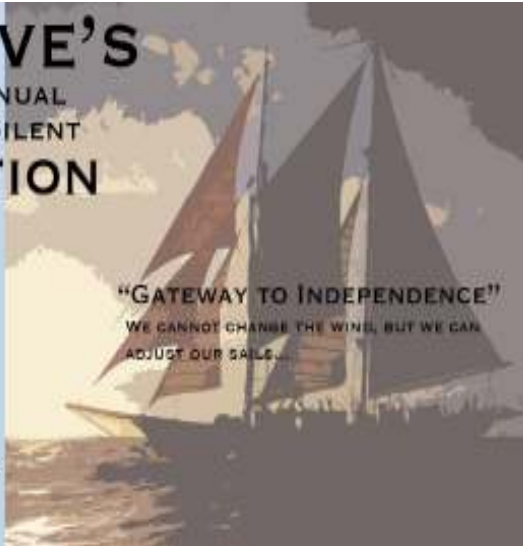


STRIVE NEWS

Join us for the 6th Annual Live & Silent Auction!

STRIVE'S 6TH ANNUAL LIVE & SILENT AUCTION


OCTOBER 13, 2010
6:00 P.M.
OCEAN GATEWAY



**To Purchase Tickets to This Year's Auction
Please Contact Kristina Smalley
ksmalley@psslservices.org or (207) 774-6278
Tickets are \$25 per person**

**STRIVE's 6th Annual Live & Silent Auction
Portland's Ocean Gateway
October 13, 2010
6:00 - 9:00pm**

Please join STRIVE and host Jennifer Rooks of MPBN at the annual Live & Silent Auction. Last year's event had over 300 guest and raised nearly \$40,000!

Some of this years notable items include:

*Boston Bruins Team Autographed Throw Back Jersey
Local Art Work, Jewelry & Furniture
Private Tour of Portland Headlight for 10
Dinner Gift Certificates to Local Restaurants
Thanksgiving Dinner from Whole Foods
Vacation Getaways*

For a complete list please visit www.psslstrive.org
If you would like to donate an item please contact Kristina Smalley
ksmalley@psslservices.org or (207) 774-6278

STRIVE's Transitional Educational Program to start in September

STRIVE is Now Accepting Applications for Next STEP

STRIVE's newest offering, **Next STEP** (STRIVE's Transitional Education Program) is a private-pay, education, recreation and leisure program, starting in September 2010. This program does require students to be graduated from high school, but there are no other age restrictions.

This program could be used to supplement individuals existing day services.

The Next STEP program will consist of two components of Daily Educational Classes and Daily Recreational Development:

Educational Development: Money Management, Literature, Independent Living Skills, Science, and Employment Preparedness.
Recreational Development: Students will spend time within their communities, focused on developing personal recreation goals. Students will also have the opportunity to pursue art, exercise, and a variety of personal health and wellness activities

Enrollment Option:

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm (Full time) \$205.00 per week
Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 9am-5pm (Part time) \$125.00 per week
Tuesday/Thursday: 9am-5pm (Part time) \$125.00 per week
Monday-Friday Mornings: 9am-1pm (Part time) \$125.00 per week
Monday-Friday Afternoon: 1pm-5pm (Part time) \$125.00 per week
Early Drop off (8-9am)-\$7.00 per day
Late Pickup up (5-6pm)-\$ 7.00 per day
Early Drop off & Late Pick up- \$14.00 per day

Please visit www.psslstrive.org to obtain more information, a fact sheet and the application.

If you have any questions please contact, Meghan Sawicki Next STEP Program Coordinator at msawicki@psslservices.org or 207-774-6278 ext 211.

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

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

- Jean Andrews
- Paul Barnes
- Robert Junkins
- Henrietta LaRou
- Alan McHale
- Carlos & Julie Montgomery
- Eula Ossosky
- Faye Seltzer
- Steve Sinclair
- Carol Steele
- Shoresh Foundation
- Marjorie Twombly
- A Donation on behalf of William Ryan

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!

September's Calendar of Events are:

- September 3: Capture the Flag
- September 10: Make Felted Soap
- September 17: Make your Own Apple Pie
- September 24: STRIVE IDOL!!!!



Easy Ways to Help Support STRIVE!



Follow Us on Facebook

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To stay connected visit:
[facebook.com/STRIVENation](https://www.facebook.com/STRIVENation)



Can Redemption Program

Get a Green Bag at STRIVE &
drop off your cans at a
Hannaford Grocery Store.
Have the deposits 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 penny is
donated to STRIVE!

BookWorks!

**BOOK BAG
GRAB BAG**
Cost: \$10

Buy Books!

Are you interested in specific
genres of books?! Support
BookWorks by ordering a
Book Bag Grab Bag of your
favorite variety. \$10

STRIVE WISH LIST

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| General Office Supplies | Frozen Pizzas |
| xBox 360 and/or Wii video games | Children's rug |
| Sports Equipment | Paper Cutter |
| Volunteers to work shifts at Bookworks! | Storage Shed |
| | Craft Supplies |

BookWorks! Open Shifts

Finding yourself with a little too much free time this summer? Volunteer at BookWorks!

BookWorks! is always looking for eager volunteers to help run the used bookstore. This is a great way to gain valuable employment training during the summer months.

Shifts Available:
Mondays: 4-5:00pm
Tuesdays: 10-11:00am & 4-6:00pm
Wednesdays: 1-3:00pm biweekly & 5-6:00pm
Thursdays: 10-12:00pm biweekly; 2-3:00pm & 5-6:00pm
Fridays: 10-3:00pm & 4-5:00pm

To sign up or to learn more please contact STRIVE
info@pslstrive.org



STRIVE
Idol
What is your talent?!

September 24

Are you STRIVE's next Idol?

Bring your favorite CD and or special talent and
complete for this year's title!

Food * Friends* Prizes



New Employee Spot Light!

Kate Reingold
Special Projects Coordinator
2011 Jesuit Volunteer

What is your Favorite Holiday: Christmas because I always get to be around my family & I Love Decorating

What is your Favorite Movie:
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

If you could only eat one food for a whole month– what would it be?: Bacon

What is your favorite color: Purple

Which actor would you cast to play yourself in a hit movie?: Tina Fey– I think she is pretty cool.

Do you have any pets?: 2 Dogs: Bella and Griffon & 2 Cats: Poppy & Elvis

What is your favorite part about STRIVE so far? STRIVE Night– It's a great way to meet a ton of people!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Philip Mackey	September 1	Ian McKay	September 20
William Wilson	September 4	Dianna Oliver	September 20
Sean Grant	September 5	Ashley Corey	September 22
Liz Hatch	September 5	Sarah Michaud	September 25
Jason Gredlics	September 5	Shannon Ellis	September 27
Helen Johns	September 7	Timothy Dwyer	September 27
Nick Babbidge	September 10	James Daniels	September 28
Derek Foss	September 11	Amy Napoleone	September 29
Jared Feiner	September 15	Daniel Tucker	September 29
Mathieu Cain	September 16	Ryan Keimach	September 30
Kelley Warren	September 16	Brandon Young	September 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!

Members' Page

Aktion Club



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Who doesn't love a tall stack of pancakes for breakfast!

Please join us Saturday, September 25 from 8-10am at the STRIVE Center for a Pancake Breakfast! All are invited and for \$5 enjoy all that you can eat!

Aktion Club is always looking for new members-- there is no age limit. Aktion Club meets every other Wednesday at STRIVE at 3:30
For more information please contact Kristina
KSmalley@psslservices.org

September Events

Advisory Board Meeting:
September 10 & 24 from 5:00- 5:45pm

Aktion Club:
September 8 & 22 from 3:30-4:00pm

Get to Know ME-- Wednesday Night Class
September 29 through November 3 from 6:00-8:00pm

Theme Night: STRIVE IDOL!
September 24 from 6:00-9:00pm

STRIVE After School Program:
September 7

Next STEP Program Begins
September 7

STRIVE U Open House
September 11

Pancake Breakfast
September 25 from 8-10am

On the Horizon

STRIVE U Experience at Camp Tall Pines
October 1-3

Annual Auction at the Ocean Gateway
October 13

STRIVE Night Halloween Party
October 29

Wednesday Night Educational Series



Get To Know ME.

From Cool Sites To Voting Rights
Get Informed On This Great State.

Wednesday Nights STRIVE 6-8pm
September 29-November 3
\$20 for Class Series

Get to know ME

September 29-November 3

Get to know your home state and local highlights of Southern Maine. With elections just around the corner, this class will also teach you about Maine's government and how to be an informed participant in November's election (and beyond)!

Classes run Wednesday Nights, September 29th-November 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm. \$20 for series.

Please contact Kate at kriengold@psslservices.org to sign up today!

Monday Night Wellness Series

Personal Safety

October 4-December 13

Are you interested in keeping yourself safe at all times? Join us for our new Monday Night Wellness Series--**Personal Safety**.

From walking safety to online safety, this course will provide students with the necessary tools to be alert and stay safe wherever they are! Classes run October 4th-December 13th from 5:30-7:00pm.

Monday 5:30-7:00pm

STRIVE Center

\$20 for the series

Contact Kate Reingold at

kriengold@psslservices.org to sign up



Thank You Kim Kelley



Over the past year, Kim Kelley has shared her talents as STRIVE's After School Coordinator. Some of Kim's responsibilities have included leading the After School Program, Camp STRIVE and BookWorks! as well as STRIVE Night Socials!

We here at STRIVE appreciate all that Kim has shared with us and wish her the best of luck in the future!

STRIVE PICTURES



TWEENS learned how to appropriately approach a dog with Good Dogz Training



Join Meghan as she starts the STRIVE Next STEP Program



STRIVE Members at the Back to School BBQ



Camp STRIVE climbed a mountain! What did you do?



Please Welcome MaryAnn Schwanda as STRIVE U's Employment Coordinator

Do you have pictures that you would like to share with us?
If so please send them to info@pslstrive.org





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- Upcoming events
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