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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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STRIVE U Open House: September 10th



Join us on Saturday, September 10th from 10am-2pm at 7,11 and 12 Nye Street in Portland. Take a campus tour and meet our staff and students!

Applications for the STRIVE U Class of 2014 will be available. For more info contact Erin Berg at eberg@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278.

3rd Annual STRIVE U Experience: September 30th-October 2nd

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! This is a weekend long, seminar style overview of the program.

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 (207) 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org.



Sign Up For 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 fall semester! 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!

Fall Term begins: September 6th

If you are interested in this fall session, spaces are still available. Rolling admission available.

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 Kristina at the STRIVE office at 207-774-6278 or ksmalley@pslservices.org.

Next STEP in the Community



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****

Septembers' Calendar of Events:

Sept 2: Back to School Crafts with Unum

Sept 9: Journey Dance with Traca

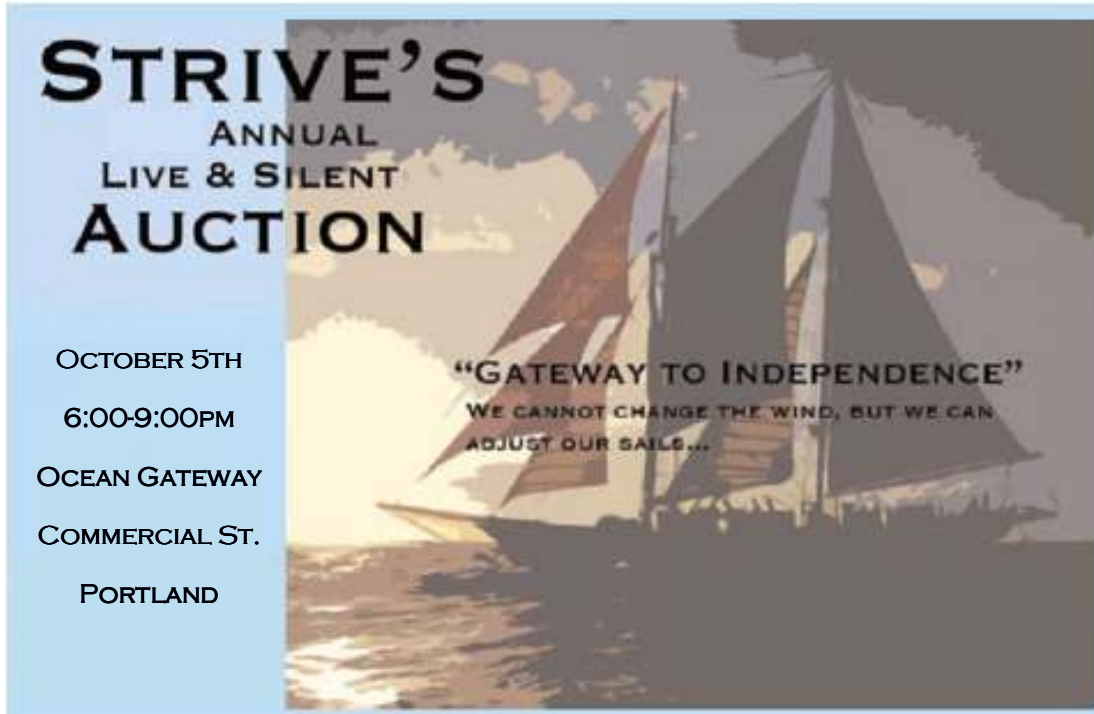
Sept 16: Sea Life Touch Tanks from UNE

Sept 23: STRIVE Idol

Sept 30: Bake Apple Pies



STRIVE's 7th Annual Live & Silent Auction: Wednesday, October 5th



ENJOY THE SILENT AUCTION, DIAMOND SURPRISE, CASH BAR, HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, LIVE AUCTION AND DESERTS.

TICKET PRICE:
\$25 PER PERSON
OR \$30 AT THE DOOR.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT KRISTINA AT KSMALLEY @PSLSERVICES.ORG OR (207) 774-6278.

Auction Items

"GATEWAY TO INDEPENDENCE"
7TH ANNUAL LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

AUCTION SAMPLING

EXPERIENCES:

- Hot Air Balloon Ride for Two
- Lobster Bake for Ten
- Vacation Getaways:
Hawaii, Arizona, Sugarloaf & Maine

HOME & GARDEN:

- Variety of Gift Baskets
- Local Art, Jewelry & Furniture
- Custom 3x3 Fire Pit from Seaside Landscaping

SPORTS:

- New England Sports Tickets
- Autographed 2011 Bruins Jersey
- Experiences with the:
Maine Red Claws & Portland Sea Dogs

PLUS:

- Thanksgiving Dinner from Whole Foods
- Gift Certificates to Local Restaurants
- A Pizza a Week for a Year from Anthony's Italian Kitchen

For more details and a complete listing of the items, please visit www.pslstrive.org

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

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

Cynthia and Larry Vaughan

Gina Barnes

Ameriprise Financial

Call for Auction Items!

STRIVE's 7th Annual Live and Silent Auction is happening on October 5th at Ocean Gateway and we are looking for auction items!

Please let us know if you have anything you'd like to give or any ideas you may have.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Gift certificates to a restaurant, shop or a favorite spot
- Company sports tickets
- Gift baskets
- Collectibles
- Donation of a service (lawn care, house cleaning, painting, etc.)
- Sporting equipment or outdoors gear

Contact Kristina at ksmalley@pslservices.org or (207) 774-6278

Easy Ways to Help Support STRIVE!



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STRIVE Pictures

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facebook.com/STRIVENation



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

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

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.



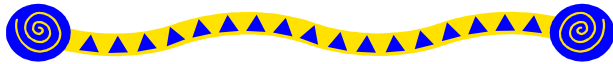
STRIVE Legacy Program



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



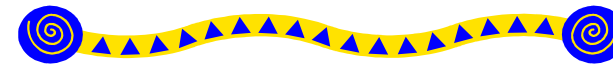
STRIVE IDOL!

Join us Friday, September 23rd!



Who will be this year's STRIVE Idol?

Join us for the performance of the year!



Member Spotlight: Patrick Obery

How old are you?
18

What is your favorite
Movie?
Happy Feet

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

What are your favorite colors? Orange and blue

If you could choose an actor to star in your life
story, who would it be? My sister, Kristen

Favorite type of music? Jazz music

What is your dream job? Dancer

What is something you are really good at doing?
Dancing



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Philip Mackey	September 1
William Wilson	September 4
Sean Grant	September 5
Liz Hatch	September 5
Jason Gredlics	September 5
Helen Johns	September 7
Nick Babbidge	September 10
Derek Foss	September 11
Chase Gaston	September 13

Jared Feiner	September 15
Ian McKay	September 20
Dianna Oliver	September 22
Ashley Corey	September 25
Sarah Michaud	September 29
Timothy Dwyer	September 27
Daniel Tucker	September 29
Ryan White Keimach	September 30
Brandon Young	September 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!

Members' Page

Aktion Club



On Saturday, September 24th Aktion Club is hosting a Saturday movie! We will be watching Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at 12pm at STRIVE. Bring \$2 for admission and a lunch!

In August, Aktion Club raised \$40 at their delicious spaghetti dinner! Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this great event.

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.

Wednesday Night Educational Series



This popular class is now full!

If you are interested in this class we will be offering it again next Fall. This series covers topics like dating safety and healthy relationships and is presented by Sexual Assault Response Services of Maine.

For more information, contact Lisa at 207-774-6278 or lyanzer@pslservices.org.

August 31 - November 2 Wednesdays 6-8pm

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**

September Meetings & Events

Advisory Board Meeting
September 2nd, 16th and 30th

Aktion Club
September 14th and 28th

Wednesday Night Educational Class
Healthy Relationships
August 31– November 2- from 6:00-8:00pm

STRIVE Theme Night: STRIVE IDOL
August 23rd from 6-9pm

Aktion Club Saturday Movie
Saturday, September 24th at 12pm
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

STRIVE U Open House
September 10th

STRIVE U Experience
September 30– Oct. 2nd

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.

STRIVE PICTURES



STRIVE heads to Boston for Futures at Fenway!



Some STRIVE friends at Fenway



Kate Reingold's Last STRIVE Night as our JV. We'll miss you, Kate!



Meet Lisa Yanzer, our new JV Special Projects Coordinator!



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www.pslstrive.org**

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- Latest news
- Upcoming events
- View past newsletters

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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