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2024 Fall Newsletter



Community Outing to Camp Capella:

On September 13th, our friends from MERT were gracious enough to invite PVI and RLE consumers to a delicious BBQ and fun day in the sun in memory of Alan Rawley, Jr. We are all very appreciative of their generosity and support. It was a beautiful day for swimming, singing karaoke and dining on delicious hamburgers and hot dogs next to the lake.











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Penobscot Valley Industries Anchor ME Farms





PVI went to the Anchor ME Farm to spend an afternoon with animal residents who enjoyed the attention that we were more than happy to provide.







Penobscot Valley Industries

A group travelled to the Cole Transportation Museum to learn about the history of the many different kinds of vehicles that have driven on the roads over the years. They were able to get up close and personal with many vintage vehicles and even some of the old bi-wing planes that have been in our skies.





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Ralph Leek Elders' & Penobscot Valley Industries

RLE and PVI are always trying to give back to the community in unique and different ways. In the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness month, they painted Pumpkins pink and donated them to the Lafayette Breast Cancer Center.









Penobscot Valley Industries & Ralph Leek Elders

Participants got to sharpen their skills with soccer balls and plenty of exercise this October with shooting, dribbling, and agility exercises. Everyone had fun and plenty of support as both programs were there to cheer them on!











A visit to the Bradley Fire Department

As part of BCL's monthly Employment Exploration group, program participants visited and toured the Bradley Fire Department. We would like to give a special "Thank you" to Gabe Tinkle for hosting our group, allowing us to try on the gear, showing and teaching us all about the equipment,. We also enjoyed a picnic lunch.







A Special Meet and Greet with the Bradley Fire Department













Mr. Drew and His Animals Too

In August, members of Room 5 coordinated a collection of needed items for Mr. Drew and His Animals Too and delivered the donations to his education center in Lewiston. Mr. Drew and his Animals Too is an educational outreach program and exotic animal rescue in Maine. While there, participants had the opportunity to interact with and learn more about many types of his exotic animals. A great big thank you goes out to all who donated!













More Summer Outings!

Hampden Marina

Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm

Truworgy's

Guest Chef Program BCL participants and staff

recently volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house in Bangor through its "Guest Chef" program. Great job to our "chefs" as they prepared and packaged a delicious Chicken Broccoli Alfredo Casserole for the families at the Ronald McDonald House to enjoy during their stay. Thank you to Mark and Kim, as well as to the staff members Lorry and Danielle for your hard work and thoughtfulness!!

Ronald McDonald House











The Amicus Community Life, Pathways to Employment & the Bouchea Center for Learning programs would like to thank community members, program participants and Amicus staff for an amazing turn out for our annual yard sale on September 13th! Through your extremely generous donations, help with set up and clean up, and support during the yard sale, we had our best year ever!







Amicus Community Life & Pathways to Employment went out to Treworgy Orchards to complete the Peter Rabbit Corn Maze and to enjoy the autumn weather. Participants were able to enjoy the pumpkin patch as well as spend time with the animals on the farm.

<u>Carnival Day</u>
In September, BCL hosted a day of Carnival fun! Opportunities offered included face painting, temporary tattoos, a photo booth, a variety of games with prizes, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, and dough boys!



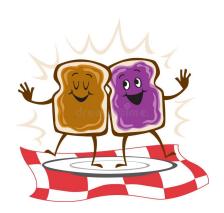
Bouchea Center for Learning Center

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

The participants of the Bouchea Center for Learning recently joined Bangor Savings Bank to collect and donate peanut butter and jelly to be distributed to food insecurity programs in our community. Thank you to all who donated!!









Biking Fun

BCL participants and staff recently took advantage of the beautiful fall weather and spent a fun afternoon enjoying our bikes and warm sun.



















Community Life Arts Exploration











Program Participant SPOTLIGHT







<--Bangor City Forest & BogWalk

Downtown Bangor & Umbrella Sky Project—->

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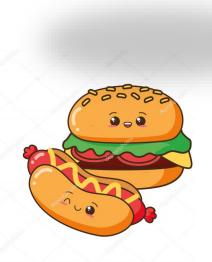
Community Life & Pathways to Employment

"End of Summer BBQ"











Amicus Wins Pumpkins In The Park 2024!

On October 20, the Amicus Team participated in the 2024 UCP of Maine fundraiser "Pumpkins in the Park" held in Bangor. Numerous area agencies and companies had booth displays that focused on this years' theme-- "Wild Adventures"! At the conclusion of the event, attendee ballots were tallied and Amicus was voted First Place! Thanks to the staff members and consumers we serve for the incredible effort and creativity put into our "Wizard of Oz"-themed display!

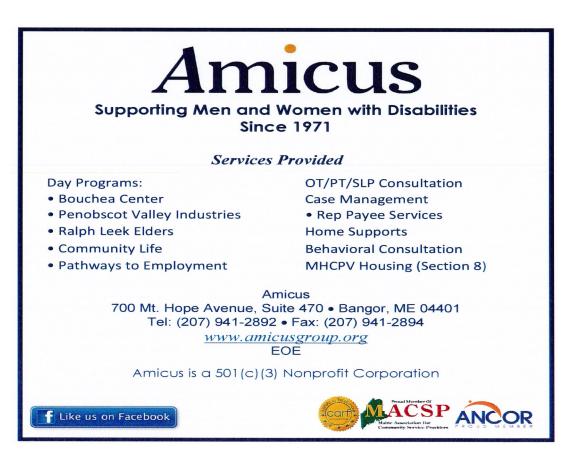


Amicus accepts the First Place Award as voted by event attendees.



Glinda, the Tin Man and Dorothy assist some event attendees to draw to win prizes.





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The generosity and caring of supporters like you assist us with sustaining the world-class*, community-based services that we have been known for since 1971 to make the most meaningful impact on the lives of the individuals who choose us.

For more information or to make a donation, you may contact Annette McCoy, at (207) 941-2892, ext. 103, or at amccoy@amicusgroup.org. You may also donate via our website at www.amicusgroup.org.

Become a partner with us as we create more opportunities for people who have disabilities and help to lift others up! Thank you. -- Amicus

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