

Amicus

Supporting Adults with Disabilities Since 1971



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Our Mission

Amicus is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our primary mission is to provide supports, programs and services that enhance the quality of life and independence of people with disabilities.

Through a range of individualized services we seek to promote abilities and achievements that contribute to self-respect, personal development, purposeful work, and meaningful participation in the community.

Our Vision

We envision helping to create a community where people can freely participate in all areas of community life regardless of their abilities. Our function will be to provide a broad framework of supports that relate to the personal goals developed with each individual. We will set a standard of excellence, that affirms the complex nature of each person and advocates a creative and compassionate approach at each level of achievement.



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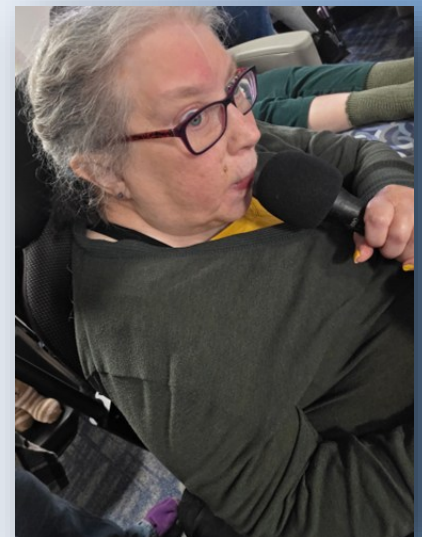
Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

WINTER BASH 2026

On February 27th, BCL hosted a Winter Bash event at the Bouchea Center.

Participants had the choice to participate in any and/or all of the fun and engaging activities offered that included the Snails Pace Race, Snowball Toss, a low-sensory book on tape group. A highlight of the day was music and karaoke with DJ Dan Lewis,

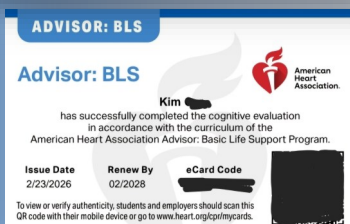
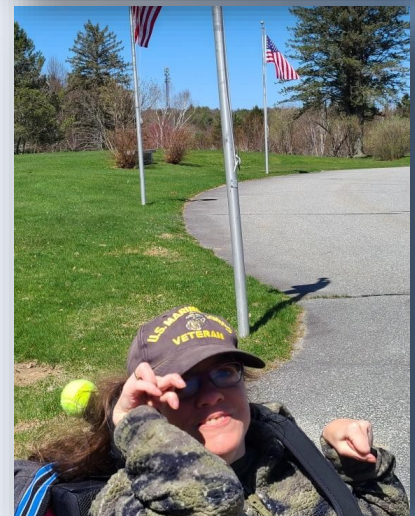
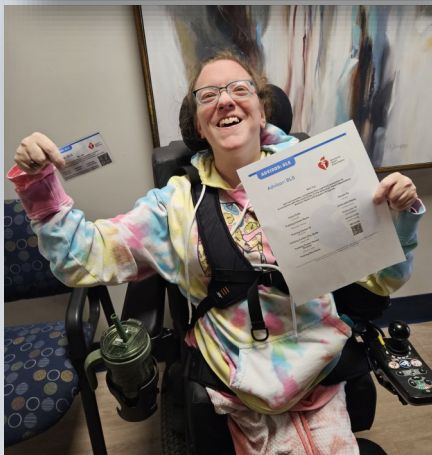
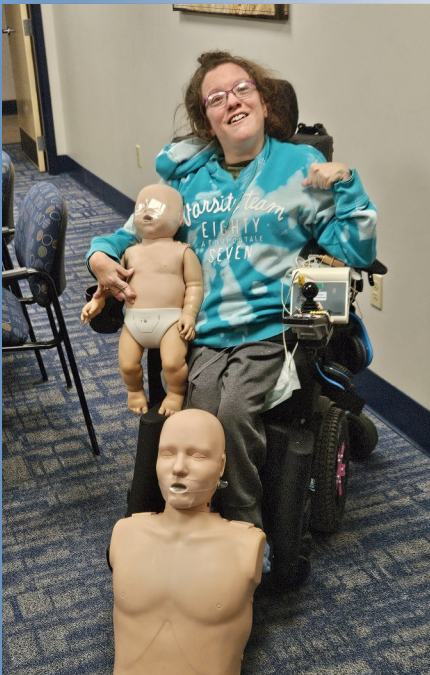
Participants and staff also had the opportunity to order from a menu of delicious drink options and pick up, “drive thru” style, from the “coffee bar” offered from Rooms 1 & 2.



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BCL Participant Highlight—KIM

1. How long have you been attending BCL? **I have been attending BCL since July 2004, so it will be 22 years this Summer!**
2. What is your favorite thing about BCL? **My favorite things about BCL are spending time with my peers and making memories while we enjoy all the fun activities together.**
3. What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with BCL? **I love to spend time at Pushaw Lake Campground in the summer, going on adventures with my peers such as, Mr. Drew and His Animals Too in Lewiston, the Oceanarium in Bar Harbor, and the Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Augusta. I also love to go out to eat in our local community...Bagel Central and Mason's are my favorites.**
4. What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? **I have had to overcome many obstacles in my life. I have been a fighter and a survivor since birth to become as strong and as independent as I can be.**
5. Is there anything else that you'd like to share? **I set a goal for myself to learn the curriculum for CPR-First aid. I am proud to say that I worked hard over the past year to learn the information and received my Advisor/BLS card from the American Heart Association in February.**



Community Life (CLP)

Basketball Shenanigans at Community Life



Time for autographs!



Front: Mike, Sara, Ginny, Jordan



Jacob and Josh enjoying a basketball game at Husson University.



Community Life (CLP)

Mark and Cindy's enjoying their first time at the Buchanan House at UMaine in Orono.



Emily, Shannon, and Ginny at the Belfast Ice Festival



Top: Brandy at Fairfield Antiques.

Bottom: Kyle and Dan sporting their medals at the winter games along with their coach,



Virginia "Ginny" Ross

1. How long have you been attending Community Life? **20 years as of 3/17/2026**
2. What is your favorite thing about Community Life? **Being out with my friends and having a good time.**
3. What is your favorite activity or place to go with Community Life? **My favorite place to go is Dunkin' and my favorite activity is walking. I like to walk outdoors when the weather is nice, and I enjoy the Brewer Waterfront.**
4. Do you compete in Special Olympic? **Yes!**
 - a. What events? **Softball throw, the 1 K walk, and bocce.**
 - b. What is your favorite sport and why? **Bocce because it's fun—I have a good time, and I get to see friends.**
 - c. How long have you been doing Special Olympics? **I have been competing in Special Olympics for 61 years. I have done Special Olympics since I was 7 years old!**
5. What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? **Job/hobby/collection/etc. I like to collect seashells when I'm near the water and have 2 jars of collected shells in my home.**
6. Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? **If people want to come to Community Life, then they should because they will have a good time laughing and having fun.**



Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)

PVI participants stringing ribbons for Special Olympics. Giving back to the community through volunteerism is important to those who attend PVI.



A beautiful quilt was made in sewing group.

I. J. achieved a personal goal of completing a 1000 piece puzzle.



Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)



Reading Group: A big thank you to our littlest friends for visiting and giving us a chance to work on our reading skills. Everyone had a great time.



A few of our members joined nearly 1000 people who visited “Box of Maine” on March 13th for the Free Whoopie Pie Giveaway. This event provides people an opportunity to see what the business is all about. Each year Box of Maine with a non-profit. This year’s sponsor was the Courageous Steps Project, an organization that supports children and young adults with different or challenging abilities to assist them with finding success at school.. 10% of all proceeds this month will go to this project.

Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)

PVI's highlighted member for March: James Bailey



How long have you been attending PVI? “Quite a while.” (James will have attended PVI for 12 years in May.)

What is your favorite thing about PVI? “Going into the community.”

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? “To take pictures.”

Do you participate in Special Olympics? “Yes”

If so,

A.) What event (s) do you participate in? “Shot put, swimming, bowling, basketball skills, and the 50 and 100 meter race.”

B.) What is your favorite sport and why? “The shot put because you get to see how far it goes.”

C.) How long have you participated in Special Olympics: “About 10 years”

What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? “I like going to wrestling”

Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? I like to beat my staff at pool.”



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)

The Men's Social Community Drink Outing provides regular opportunities for program participants to not only experience many different restaurants and coffee shops in the area, but also ongoing opportunities to meet and interact with community members.



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)



“Creative Movement Group” provides program participants with a wide variety of activities to promote and enhance “movement” and exercise. During this session, participants enjoyed both the social aspects as well as the physical benefits of exercise.



Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)

RLE's highlighted member for March is Susi C.

How long have you been attending PVI/RLE? **Susi has attended day program for 36 years.**

What is your favorite thing about RLE? **"friends"**

What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with RLE? **"Pepsi." Susie enjoys her drink outings.**

Do you compete in Special Olympics? **"Yes"**

A.) What events do you participate in? **Susi participates in softball throw. She also competed in wheelchair races for many years.**

B.) What is your favorite sport and why? **"Ball"**

C.) How long have you participated in Special Olympics? **Susi is the oldest Special Olympic participant in the state. She has been a part of Special Olympics for many years.**

What is a unique thing about you that you want to share with others? **Susi is always ready to go on an adventure. She likes to go to Bar Harbor and out to eat.**



PVI/RLE



Staff and members celebrated World Down Syndrome Day a day early by having a **sock hop** and wearing mismatched **socks**.



Amicus Community Partnerships

We would like to thank all of our many community partners for their ongoing support to our consumers throughout the years. It is this support that has helped us for over 50 years to provide 100% CARF-accredited programs and services to the hundreds of Maine individuals and families who select us as their service provider.

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Services Provided

Day Programs:

- Bouchea Center
- Penobscot Valley Industries
- Ralph Leek Elders

Community Life Program-

- Community Supports
- Home Supports
- MHCPV Housing, Inc. (Section 8)

Case Management with Rep Payee Services

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