

# Who We Are

# Amicus

Supporting Adults with Disabilities Since 1971

## April 2026 Newsletter



### 55 years

Amicus has been delivering day programs, home support, and case management services to families in Maine since 1971.



### >725 years

Our staff brings over 725 years of direct experience in the field of disability service delivery.



### >35 years

All Amicus programs and services have been continuously accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for over 35 years.



### >550,000 service units

Amicus programs provided over 550,000 units of service to 338 individuals served in 2025.



To learn more about us, please visit our website: [www.amicusgroup.org](http://www.amicusgroup.org)

# Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

## Fun Times at the Cinema



**BCL Members recently enjoyed an outing to the Bangor Mall Cinema to see the new Super Mario movie. Popcorn and a movie is a great way to spend a cold spring day.**



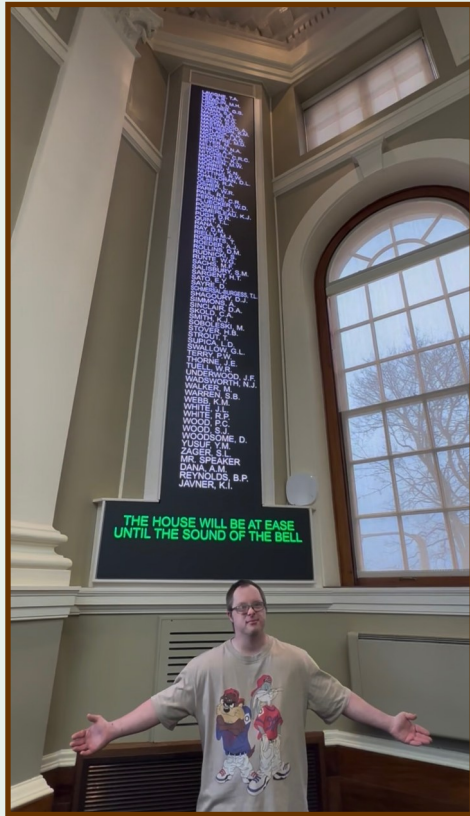
# Bouchea Center for Learning (BCL)

## BCL Participant Highlight—MARK

1. **How long have you been attending BCL?** Mark is in his 14th year of attending BCL. He started with us in July of 2012!
2. **What is your favorite thing about BCL?** Mark enjoys participating in the different groups that are offered—especially music, reading, and podcast groups. He enjoys spending time with his friends, doing activities together and going on outing in the community. Marks likes his routine and working on his exercise routine.
3. **What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with BCL?** In warmer weather, Mark loves to go to local parks and waterfronts for walks and picnics. He also enjoys time at Pushaw Lake in the summer with his friends.
4. **What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others?** Mark is a “music buff”! He can name any song when hearing it, usually both title and artist. He LOVES the Beatles, his favorite Beatles song is “Eight Days a Week”.
5. **Is there anything else that you’d like to share?** Mark works one afternoon a week at Chick Fil A helping to pack the items that go into the “kids meal”.



# Community Life (CLP)



**Top Photos: Eric, Steve, and Jordan at the Maine House of Representatives learning about the Maine House and Senate and Maine Politics.**



**Geneva (Left) and Sara H (Bottom) competing in the Special Olympics regional swim meet in Bangor.**



**Bottom Left: Coach Jeff and Jos supporting their athletes.**



# Community Life (CLP)



*In loving remembrance*

*Patrick Childers*



**SUNRISE**  
*Sept 23, 2003*

**SUNSET**  
*April 2, 2026*

*“Though your time with us was brief, your courage and your spirit left a lasting imprint on our hearts.”*

## Community Life Participant Spotlight

\*How long have you been attending Community Life? **“A long time”—Danny has been attending Community Life for 28 years!**

\*What is your favorite thing about Community Life? **I enjoy spending time with my staff.**

\*What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community with Community Life? **I enjoy going to Aroma Joes for snacks and drinks.**

\*Do you compete in Special Olympics? **Yes!**

\*What events? **Bocce, bowling, and softball**

\*What is your favorite sport and why? **Bocce is my favorite because I like it the best.**

\*How long have you been doing Special Olympics? **“Like 20 years”**

What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? Job/hobby/collection/etc. —**I am kind, I care, and I am funny.**

\*Is there anything else that you’d like to share for the newsletter? **I like coming to Amicus Community Life because I like seeing my friends and the staff. I like being able to get out with my groups each week.**

# Daniel "Danny" Burke



# Penobscot Valley Industries (PVI)



Members enjoyed the day participating in Special Olympic basketball skill development.



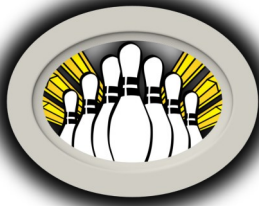
# Penobscot Valley Industries

These members participated in Special Olympic swim, and have the ribbons to prove it. They worked hard for many weeks practicing at the YMCA.



# Penobscot Valley Industries

**Tim A. challenged his program director, Michelle, to a game of Wii Bowling. Great way to exercise!**



# Penobscot Valley Industries

**PVI's highlighted member for April is Judy Baker**



**How long have you been attending PVI? "19 years!"**

**What is your favorite thing about PVI? "Special Olympics."**

**What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? "UMO hockey games."**

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

**What event (s) do you participate in? "Basketball, 25 meter walk, 100 meter walk, softball throw, bowling, and bocce."**

**What is your favorite sport and why? "Basketball. It's fun."**

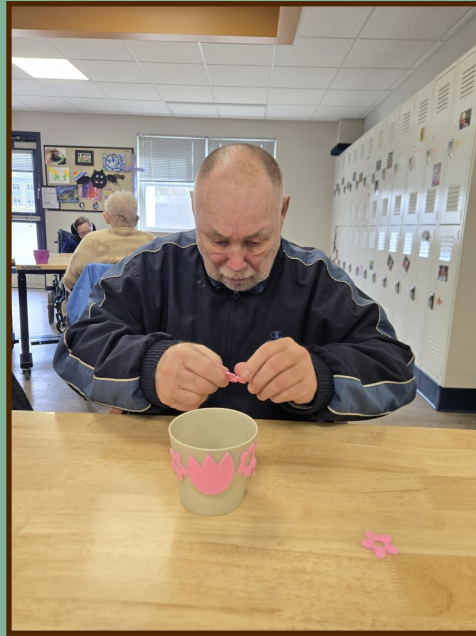
**How long have you participated in Special Olympics: "19 Years."**

**What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? "I'm funny."**

**Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? "I'm basically a nice person. I like to read and share books."**



# Ralph Leek Elders (RLE)



**Community Involvement: RLE members assisted PVI to make May baskets that will be delivered to Cancer Care of Maine.**



# Ralph Leek Elders



**M. Gilmore and J. Bean enjoyed an outing at the Hampden library.**



**H. Pelton loves his coffee outings at the NLEMM Cafeteria.**



# Ralph Leek Elders

**RLE's highlighted member for April is Marina (Rina) Dugay.**

**How long have you been attending PVI/RLE? Rina has been attending day program for 37 years.**

**What is your favorite thing about PVI? Rina enjoys painting and sewing.**

**What is your favorite activity or place to go in the community? Rina likes to shop.**

**Do you participate in Special Olympics? Yes**

**What event (s) do you participate in? Rina participates in bowling, walking, and softball throw.**

**What is your favorite sport and why? She likes bowling because it is fun.**

**How long have you participated in Special Olympics? Rina has participated in Special Olympics for over 40 years.!**

**What is one unique thing about you that you want to share with others? Rina is a huge Dolly Parton fan.**

**Is there anything else that you'd like to share for the newsletter? Rina loves participating in Special Olympics.**



# PVI/RLE Activities



**PVI and RLE had some Easter fun. Educational games were played, and members used tape and paint to decorate eggs. They also joined in for an Easter egg hunt.**

# Amicus Community Partnerships

We would like to thank all of our many community partners for their ongoing support to our consumers in 2026. 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.

## Amicus

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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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