



Affinity Newsletter

July & August



Summer is Here!!



The following FREE passes are available to staff and supported individuals:

Maine State Park • Children's Museum • Portland Observatory

*Maine Wildlife Park *



For more information or to obtain a pass, please call the office at 688-8900

July Employee of the Month

Congratulations to **Malika Davis** for being chosen for our July Employee Recognition Award.



"I've been working at Affinity for about a year now and really enjoy it! I have my current SI and her family to thank for that as well as Affinity's supportive staff.

Before working here, my major was in Elementary Education. The rewarding and challenging work I've done thus far has allowed me to learn a lot including what population I want to work with. I have since fine tuned my major to Behavioral Health and Human Services with my goal being to continue similar work after I graduate. Thank you Affinity for the recognition!"

"Malika has been a great in-home support, mentor and friend to our daughter, Ashley. Her ongoing patience and calming demeanor have continued to assist Ashley with attaining her goals. Thank you so much "
- John & Kim

August Employee of the Month

Congratulations to **Donna Stephens** for being chosen for our August Employee Recognition Award.

"Hello my name is Donna Stephens. I have been in the field, as a direct support professional for 9 years. The best part of my job is that I have been with the same young man the whole time. We were with another agency for 8 years, but they discontinued their children's program. The family decided to choose Affinity and I moved along with them. Affinity has been a great company to work for and I've been very happy. I have watched a little boy grow into a young man. Watching his progress and growth has been rewarding. The years of hard work and consistency have paid off. I have been very grateful and fortunate to have such a wonderful family to work with."



The family Donna works with wanted to share their wonderful experience in having Donna work with their son. "We have been so fortunate to have Donna work with our son Michael for nine years. She is just like a member of our family. Donna is dependable, patient, caring and has volunteered her time to help other children with disabilities. Because of the bowling program that Donna set up a few years ago, Michael has found a sport which he enjoys and is successful. We truly feel blessed to have her work with Michael and feel that this award is well



WELCOME

Affinity welcomes our Summer Intern

Jean-Claude Kramo



“Hey everybody!!! My name is Jean-Claude Kramo. For those who do not know me, I am an intern for the summer. I was with Affinity in its early days then went back to school to further my education. I am in the early stages of a journey that will eventually take me to some graduate studies in the field of human services and social work.

When the opportunity was given to me, I chose Affinity for my internship and it was not by accident; it was because I have faith in what the organization is all about and also because I adhere to Affinity’s philosophy.

I am not disappointed at all by this choice. Instead I have been positively moved by everyone’s individual efforts to get me started on a very good note. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Affinity family for the warmed welcome I received. Your attitude speaks for itself.

I finally want to express my sincere gratitude to Dan and the personnel at the New Gloucester office, the Program Coordinators of the adult services (Denae and Simone), their staff and their clients.

Once again thank you all for making this experience as memorable and enjoyable as possible.”

GOODBYE!

Affinity says

goodbye to

Program Coordinator Leah Matthews



“It has been a pleasure working at Affinity as a Program Coordinator for the past year. It is now time for me to move on to the next step in my career. I graduated from the University of Maine, Orono with a Bachelors degree in nursing, and I will be pursuing that profession. I have met many wonderful people and built some lasting relationships for which I am grateful. It has been a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated organization. I wish everyone the best of luck in their futures endeavors.”

NOTE: The Good News! Leah will continue as Affinity’s CPR/FA instructor!



July/August Birthdays



JULY

Happy Birthday to

AUGUST

*Our staff and
Supported
Individuals!!*

	Nick Hennebury	7/1
	Matthew Rogers	7/1
	Lindsey Barton	7/9
	Matthew Cyr	7/10
	Jason Mullen	7/10
	Zoe Njaa	7/15
	Amanda Burnham	7/16
	Cameron Dunn	7/18
	Amber Richer	7/19
	Joanne Haibon	7/20
	Tim Lamprell	7/20
	Rebekah Wark	7/21

Sara Bill	7/25
Ilana Ranalli	7/25
Rocky Myshrall	7/27
Kristina Fitzgerald	7/30
Mandy Cabral	7/31

Tara Curran	8/2	
Tabitha Appleby	8/4	
Justin Ellis	8/8	
Brenda Herndon	8/8	
Elizabeth Holston	8/10	
Amanda Boetsch	8/12	
Jessica Arnold	8/14	
Theresa Kasny	8/17	
Jason Thompson	8/17	
Lucas Bonica	8/26	
Cameron Roy	8/30	





Have you ever wanted to express yourself through actions?

Now is your chance: Affinity is offering a beginners

Adult Services Drama Class

No experience necessary !!

Tuesday's 10:30am—12 noon held at the Portland Affinity Office

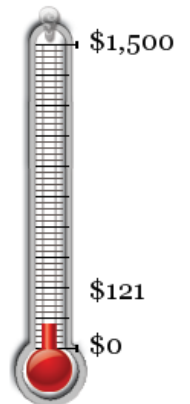
891 Brighton Avenue, Suite #5



CLYNK!

Thank you to everyone who has already filled a “Clynk” bag!! So far we have made \$121.00! Help us reach our goal of \$1,500 by filling up at least two or more “Clynk” bags with recyclable bottles. Remember

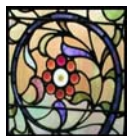
Affinity is participating in the “Clynk” program as a way to raise money for our activity fund (activities are not funded by Mainecare). “Clynk” bags are available at the Affinity office or from your coordinator. You can return your full “Clynk” bags to a participating Hannaford or drop it off at the office. All of the money raised will fund activities for our supported individuals.



Spring Barbeque



The Affinity Adult Cooking Class took a break from the kitchen and enjoyed a spring barbeque at Fort Williams State Park in late May!



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