

## STRIVE's Annual Auction- FAQs

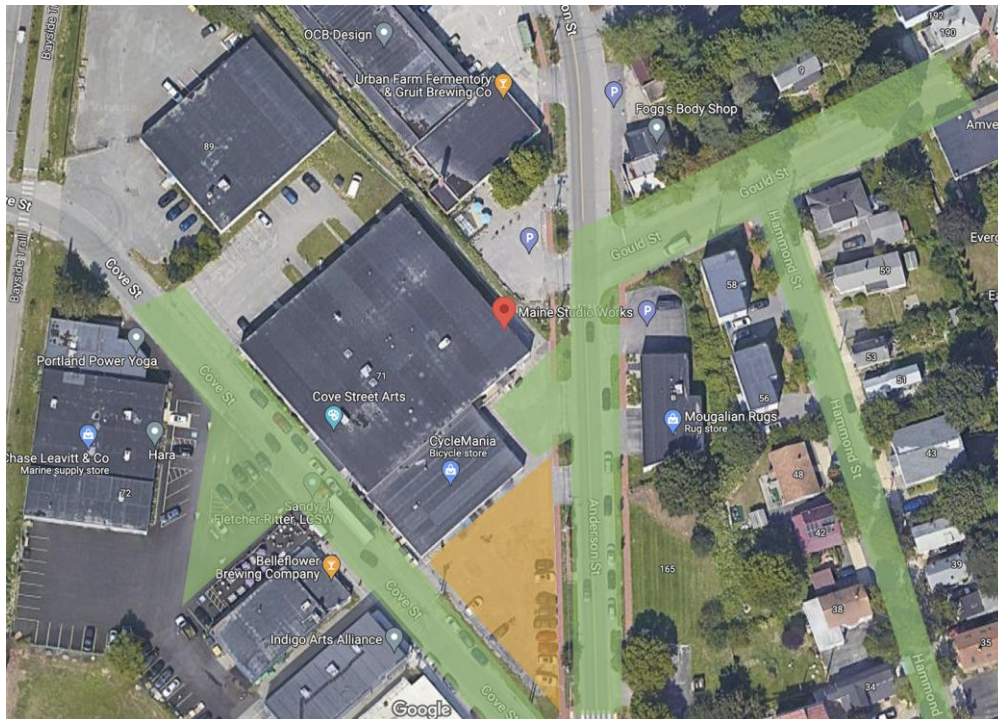
Thank you for registering for STRIVE's Annual Auction! Your support is more important than ever this year, and all proceeds benefit STRIVE Programs and over 1,500 tweens, teens, and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Happy Bidding!

Here is some information on the event! The best of both worlds! Please pass along to others that are attending with you.

**In Person Event:** Our in-person event will be held Thursday, November 13th, from 6-9pm. The event will be held at the Maine Studio Works, 170 Anderson St, in Portland. The live event will include all our favorites, food, live auction bidding, speeches by our program participants, games, music, and so much more. The auction includes heavy appetizers, bar, live items, and much more. You'll also be able to get a preview of our silent items and even have the opportunity to scan QR codes to start your online bidding.

**Pre-Registration:** If you have already bought tickets, you will be on our pre-registered list. We are not making physical tickets. When arriving at the event just go to the "pre-registered" side of the registration area and simply give your name to our volunteers. They will give you a program and bidder number and you'll be on your way! Please note that people can still purchase tickets to the event- they are \$40 in advance and \$45 per person at the door. The check-in process will be expedited if we have people's names in advance. We will also have a check-in line for our sponsors.

**Parking:** Please see parking maps below. There are a few parking lots and street parking available near Maine Studio Works.





**Attire:** This is meant to be a fun event, with many people coming right from work. Please feel free to wear whatever makes you comfortable. We anticipate guests wearing everything from suits to jeans.

**Payment Options:** Guests can pay for items by check, credit card, or cash. STRIVE accepts Mastercard, Visa, and Discover, and American Express.

**What if we need to leave before the live item finishes:** No problem! We understand that some people may need to leave. Check out will begin when the live auction and fund a need finishes. Items will be able to be picked up at STRIVE following the completion of the silent auction.

**Where can I see an auction item listing:** Visit our auction website at [www.biddingforgood.com/strive](http://www.biddingforgood.com/strive) to see a list of all the items.

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**Online Silent Auction:** Bidding in our online, silent auction, will be open from 6pm on Thursday, November 13th until 7:59pm on Thursday, November 20th. You can browse our items and start your bidding at [www.biddingforgood.com/strive](http://www.biddingforgood.com/strive). Be sure to check back often as we add new items daily!

**Online Auction Registration:** This year, registration is not necessary. Anyone may visit our auction site. You WILL need to sign in to make a bid. Need help? Here are 2 short videos you can watch on how to register and bid!

This link will show you how to register and bid on your computer: <https://youtu.be/XOo9WNrfXR0>

This link will show you how from a mobile device: [https://youtu.be/1g\\_iOLGHAuk](https://youtu.be/1g_iOLGHAuk)

**Payment Options:** Guests can pay for items and/or make a donation using all major credit cards.

**How will I know if I won something?** We think you will like the Bidding for Good website. It allows you to make bids in advance- up to a certain level that you determine, OR you can continue to visit the page regularly and make a bid. You will be notified by email if you are outbid, and also if you win the item at the conclusion of the auction. Please watch your junk/spam folders for updates from STRIVE and Bidding for Good about the auction!

**What are the automated bid increments?** We will be using automated bid increments. Automatic increments are set by default. If you leave the Bid Increment field blank when creating an item, the system will default to these increments. The automatic increments are designed to increase gradually as the leading bid increases.

Leading Bid: \$1.00 - \$99.99 -- Bid increment: \$5.00

Leading Bid: \$100.00 - \$199.99 -- Bid Increment: \$10.00

Leading Bid: \$200.00 - \$499.99 -- Bid Increment: \$20.00

Leading Bid: \$500.00 - \$999.99 -- Bid Increment: \$50.00

Leading Bid: \$1,000.00 - \$4,999.99 -- Bid Increment: \$100.00

Leading Bid: \$5,000.00+ -- Bid Increment: \$200

**When can I pick up my item(s):** This year, we will be holding multiple pick up events at STRIVE, 28 Foden Road, South Portland, ME 04106.

Pick up dates are as follow:

Monday, November 24th: 9a-5p

Tuesday, November 25th: 9a-8p

Wednesday, November 26th: 9a-12p

If you need to come at a time other than our scheduled pick-up dates, please contact STRIVE Program Director, Alex Woodhouse, at [awoodhouse@pslstrive.org](mailto:awoodhouse@pslstrive.org) or 207-774-6278.

All items not picked up by Friday, December 19th will be graciously accepted as a donation to our 2025 auction with no refund issued.

If you have purchased items that can be mailed, such as a gift certificate, we will mail those to your address. Mailed items may come with an additional shipping charge. If you purchase a physical item, that can be shipped, there will be additional shipping charges. The item description will note if the item can or cannot be shipped.

**We would like to make a donation of an item or experience. Is it too early/late?** Not at all! Please contact us at [auction@pslstrive.org](mailto:auction@pslstrive.org) to discuss. Or- you can donate directly through the auction website by clicking the "Donate Items" button. (Please note that STRIVE does reserve the right to decline items that may not be appropriate.)

**I would like to make donation instead of purchasing an item. Is that possible?** Yes, and thank you! You can donate directly via our website at <https://www.pslstrive.org/donate> . Thank you for your support!

**Additional Questions-** We know there is a lot of information here, so please don't hesitate to contact our events team at [auction@pslstrive.org](mailto:auction@pslstrive.org) or by phone at 207-774-6278 ext 315 You can also visit our website- [www.pslstrive.org/auction](http://www.pslstrive.org/auction) for more information, links/videos, and a virtual auction program!

**Thanks to our Generous Sponsors:** We'd like to thank all of our generous sponsors for making this event possible. STRIVE believes in being mutually beneficial partners and we encourage you to support the businesses and organizations that support our programs.



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