

“As communication consultant for some PVI participants I find the staff to be positive, highly responsive, and with a can-do attitude. Furthermore, they are knowledgeable, compassionate, and perceptive problem solvers, keeping the consumers strengths and needs at the forefront of any plan.”

Susan D. Burgess M.A., CCC-SLP
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“J.S. wanted me to let you know how much he enjoys his retirement at RLE. He said that ‘he likes to get out in the community with nice, good people like him’ and to meet new friends and socialize.”

**Brian Noble, Executive Director of
Branches LLC**



GIVING BACK

Community service is important to program participants. They support a foster child in Kenya and volunteer at the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, Hands of Hope, and Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. They distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families identified by the Area Council of Churches and EMAN. Both programs actively support the Susan Koman Race for the Cure through their volunteer work. RLE cooks desserts for the Essex Street Methodist Church free dinners and PVI cooks for the Bangor Area Shelter. They contribute art for the Arts for Hunger in Waldo County and always look for ways to help.

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We *provide*
professional support for
individuals with disabilities,
enhancing quality of life
and independence.

“When our son graduated from high school when he was 20, he could not read. Imagine how proud of him we all are when at 48 years old, he read a birthday card out loud to all of us!”

The Turner Family

OUR PROGRAMS

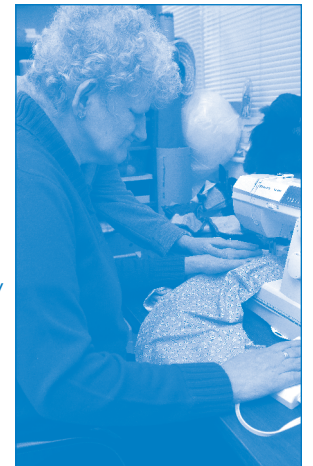
During the day and some evenings, our staff of experienced professionals brings a variety of skills, interests, and educational backgrounds to our work. The Person-Centered Planning process gives each participant access to services throughout Amicus. Respect for the dignity of each individual, along with high expectations for learning and growth, result in a stimulating and affirming experience for participants in each program.

PENOBSCOT VALLEY INDUSTRIES (PVI): PVI seeks to build on the interests and talents of each individual and to encourage achievement at the highest level of skill and independence. Physical fitness, friendship, self-advocacy, community involvement, and fun are important components of life at PVI.

RALPH LEEK ELDERS: Ralph Leek would be proud to attend the program that bears his name. With a focus on building and keeping community connections, RLE supports the unique needs of older adults with disabilities. Seniors at RLE participate in a variety of activities both at Hillside Avenue and in the community. They also enjoy weekly volunteering at an assisted living facility. The elders actively participate in community life, enjoy friendships, and work to preserve physical health. A day at RLE is full of activity and fun!

THE BENEFITS

- Bangor Trail Stewards
- Exhibition Photography Group
- Self-governance, including peer mediation
- Futures Planning Group
- Trip Planners Group
- The RLE Red Hat Society
- Art and music
- Lifelong learning
- The Garden Group
- RLE Fishing
- On-staff Physical Therapist and Behavioral Counselor
- Physical fitness
- Community participation
- Alternative communication systems including ASL



MENU OF SERVICES —

A flexible approach

A wide variety of community-based and on-site options within the programs and divisions of Amicus enable participants to select activities from a menu of services which contribute to a rich and fulfilling life.