



## ***Archive News – September 2011***

### **Open House:**

### **TILL Watertown Day Habilitation and TILL Central Programs**

On September 13, 2011 TILL hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House to celebrate the completion of the new Watertown Day Hab and TILL Central on Arlington St. Joining TILL's administrative and day program team were families of day habilitation program participants, our Watertown neighbors and members of town government, colleagues from the Dept. of Developmental Services, the team from Martini Construction and Davis Square Architects, many of our business partners and many more friends.



After remarks by Dafna Krouk-Gordon, President and Founder of TILL, a sparkling cider toast was raised. Visitors were offered a tour of the beautiful and spacious 16,000 square foot facility which includes day program space, meeting rooms and a gallery. Refreshments were provided by TILL's Essence of Thyme Catering (ETC).



*Watertown Day Habilitation Program – computer lab and kitchen space*

# 2011 TILL Games

The 17th edition of TILL Games was held on September 10, 2011 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. The games featured 166 athletes competing for the gold. TILL Games is a track and field event open to athletes of all ages and all abilities. Our athletes have been preparing for the Games since June with weekly track practices in Braintree, Bedford and Danvers. The result was a spirited day of competition.



Participants and volunteers include the individuals that we serve and their families and friends; present and former employees and their children, many of whom have returned each year since their first baby crawl; and friends who have been drawn to our mission over the past seventeen years of TILL Games. Volunteers work with the athletes at weekly track practices beginning in the spring and at the event itself.

It takes many willing hands to make TILL Games the success that it is. Thanks to all who helped make the day a success, and to all the families and friends who came to cheer on the athletes. And thanks to all of our residential staff who helped our athletes prepare for the event. We'll see you all next year at TILL Games XVIII.

See the article and photos posted by Matt Rocheleau on Boston.com  
[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/roxbury/2011/10/nonprofit\\_holds\\_17th\\_annual\\_ti.html?camp](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/roxbury/2011/10/nonprofit_holds_17th_annual_ti.html?camp)



## Dance Troupe returns to Price Center

On August 19, 2011, TILL's "Dances with Wheels," returned to perform at the Barry L. Price Rehabilitation Center in Dedham. The dance troupe's last performance had been well received and they were welcomed back with enthusiasm.



*Dancers Heather March and Doug Townsend perform "My Girl"*

The Dance Program consisted of several solo performances: Lisa Roy danced to "Ocean Rose", Heather March to the classic "Amazing Grace" and Allison Hill to "Don't Forget to Remember Me". Duo Dennis Fryar and Rhonda Pattelena partnered for "Cowboy Cassanova", while Heather March and Doug Townsend partnered for "My Girl", followed by Dennis, Rhonda, Allison and Doug squaring off to the classic "Cheek to Cheek". Technical support was provided by sound chief Alan Chefitz.

At the end of the performance, the troupe once more invited the audience to "join the dance".



*Rhonda Pattelena, Dennis Fryar, Allison Hill and Doug Townsend perform "Cheek to Cheek"*

## Community Connections at TILL

The fleeting summer months in New England are special: cookouts, parties and outdoor concerts, dinner on the deck, gardening and bird watching, fresh veggies from the Farmer's Market, walking on the beach, sightseeing with friends, inviting friends over for a pool party, a trip to someplace new.

Many of the individuals who are supported by our day and residential services experience all and more of those things. Summer this year included a trip to Washington, D.C., excursions to Cape Cod, enjoying New Hampshire's White Mountains and Lakes Region, an escape to a fully accessible hotel resort on Cape Cod and many more adventures.

At TILL, summer gives us a chance to put our values to action- to enjoy the world around us by learning about new places, learning new skills, and having fun through developing new relationships.



## TILL's Handle with Care Experience Video

Our Community Connections department helps build teamwork with staff as well as with those participating in TILL's services. It is always with the same goal, enjoying the world around you by learning about new opportunities, new skills, and developing new relationships.

At TILL we believe that work can be fun as well as rewarding in the knowledge that you can make a difference in someone's life. TILL is constantly thinking of new ventures which recognize the value of staff through appreciation events, contests, and the amazing power of team work.

We invite you to watch our video, [TILL's Handle with Care Experience](#), and enjoy this example of true teamwork and commitment.

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