

The Price  
Center



## Agency News & Updates

August 20, 2024



### THE PRICE CENTER WELCOMES OUR NEW CEO

## ABBY PARRILLA

I am excited to announce that we have appointed a new CEO who will join us in September: Abby Parrilla, an experienced and dynamic leader in the IDD space and currently the CEO of the Arc of the South Shore. This marks an exciting point in the evolution of The Price Center. The Board of Directors has set a vision for the next ten years that includes significant growth to meet the astounding need for services such as ours. This growth will be focused on program innovation, retaining the special culture of our organization, strengthening our workforce, and ensuring financial sustainability.

Abby is a dynamic leader and has been the catalyst for many groundbreaking initiatives throughout her career. She is known for developing a culture of employee appreciation, improving quality assurance, policy development, and spearheading the process for continuous improvement across all organizational functions. She has tremendous passion and energy that infuses all she does. Most importantly a passion for advocacy and human rights.

Abby has over 20 years of management experience in the for-profit and non-profit sectors and will be instrumental in guiding us as we develop and implement a strategic plan to achieve our ambitious vision for the future. She takes a vision and makes it a reality through sound strategic development. She will also be focused on all of you, your growth and success, and building a culture of excellence and appreciation together.

Please join me in welcoming Abby. While she does not officially start until September 30th, she will be coming to The Price Center on Tuesday, August 13th to meet with all of you and we are confident that her leadership will inspire us all and propel The Price Center to new heights.

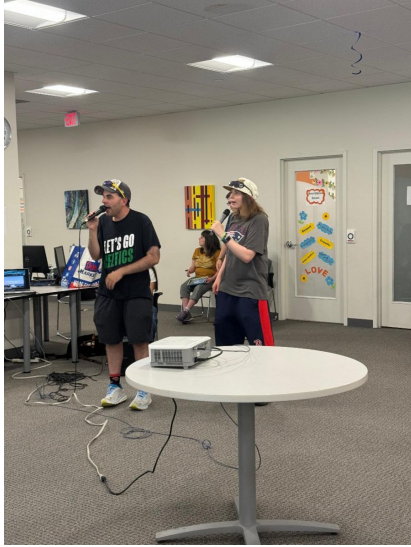
Your dedication and hard work have been the cornerstone of our success, and with our new CEO at the helm, we are poised for an incredible journey ahead. Thank you for your continued commitment to The Price Center and the individuals we serve.

Warm Regards,  
Mary Flynn  
Chairperson of the Board  
The Price Center



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## A Pitch-Perfect Friday!

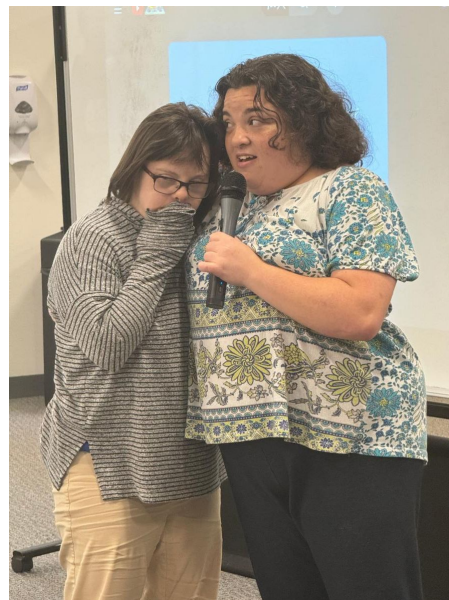


*Michael and Melanie pumped up the crowd with an amazing duet!*



*Pam performed a beautiful cover from Adele!*

On Friday, July 19th, The Price Center hosted karaoke day! Thanks to the Community Music Center of Boston, our individuals had the best time singing their hearts out!



*Our Alli's came together for an awesome duet!*

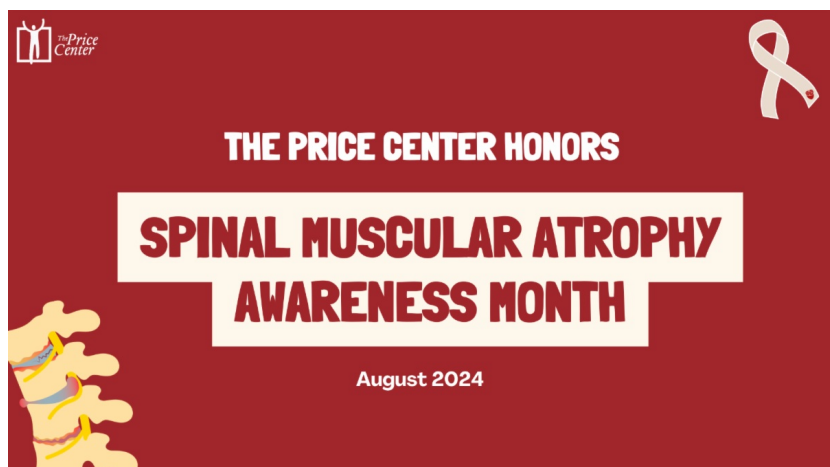
**Thank you** to our friends at the Community Music Center of Boston, we can't wait for the next karaoke day!

## **Welcome to the Price Center Team!**

Ebimobowei Erefa - Assistant House Manager, Humanity House

Olivia Hamilton - Assistant House Manager, Humanity House

Reagan Kalemba - Direct Care Professional, 1751 Washington



## Save The Date: The Price Center's 3rd Annual Fall Festival!



Get excited! Join us on **Saturday, October 19th for The Price Center's 3rd Annual Fall Festival!** We could not be more excited to once again celebrate this wonderful event with our community.

For more details, please visit our website!

Visit our  
Website

While our Fall Festival is free for our Price Center Community to attend, **we welcome support of any kind** to make sure this event goes off without a hitch!

How can you help?

- Sponsor a restaurant (a full list is coming soon!)
- Sponsor our Photo Booth or lawn game(s)
- Donate Raffle items (like sports/event tickets, gift cards, gift baskets/items and more!)
- Become a volunteer

Click the button above to show your support or inquire about additional sponsorship opportunities!

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## The Price Center's Fall Open House - Meet Our New CEO!



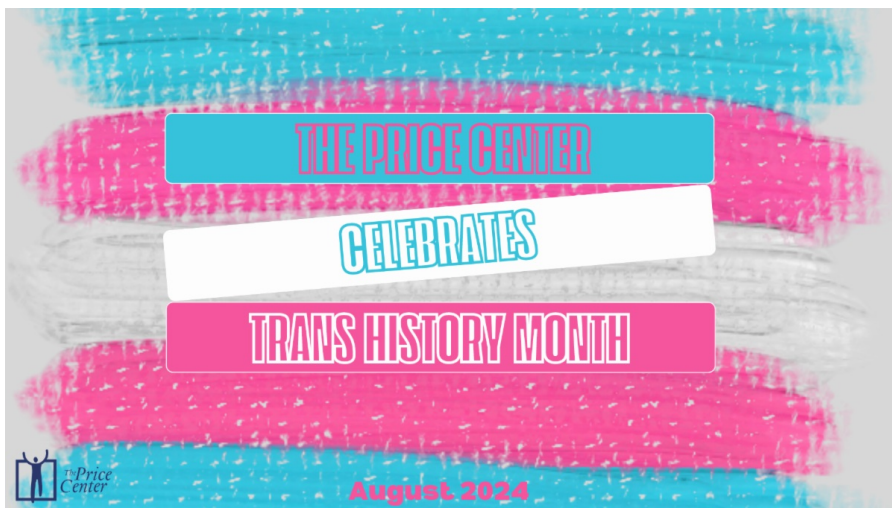


Join us on Friday, September 27th, for The Price Center's annual Fall Open House! We are excited to not only show off our amazing programs, but also **welcome our new CEO, Abby Parrilla**. Abby will be making her first formal introduction to our families and loved ones before officially starting on Monday, September 30th.

Help us welcome Abby to the Price Center community by participating in a **family potluck!** Bring your favorite family dish or dessert to share with everyone over a night of fun and entertainment. Enjoy some great family food while also seeing some *new performances from our Drama Club and our music therapist, AJ!*

For questions regarding the Fall Open House or the potluck, please contact Michelle Brown, Director of Development and Communications ([mbrownsantiago@thepricecenter.org](mailto:mbrownsantiago@thepricecenter.org)). We can't wait to get together again with all our wonderful families!

[RSVP Here](#)



- August Milestones**
- 20 Years of Service**  
Mamadou Diallo  
Carole Labathe (17)
  - 10 Years of Service**  
Mackenzie Thybulle (11)
  - 5 Years of Service**  
Serena Oforji (9)  
Alex Niwagaba  
Joseph Bertrand

## Understanding Our Differences

On Wednesday, July 17th, members of The Price Center team attended the Understanding Our

Differences panel at the Newton Free Library. This panel, made up of people with disabilities from the Newton community, was geared toward celebrating Disability Pride Month and the achievements we have made since the Americans With Disabilities Act was signed into law.

The ADA celebrated its 34th anniversary last month, sharing the occasion with Disability Pride Month. The purpose of both, as the panel discussed, were to highlight the accomplishments and progress the community has made over the past 34 years, while also discussing how much more work we have to do.

The Price Center was proud to be a presenting sponsor at this panel, being able to showcase how our programs and mission support the community every day. Some of our individuals were even in the opening video!

To watch the full panel discussion, please click the link below.

**Thank you** to our friends at Understanding Our Differences, we look forward to collaborating together again in the future!



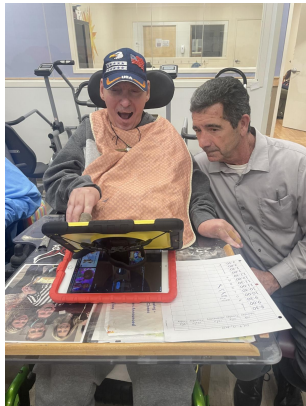
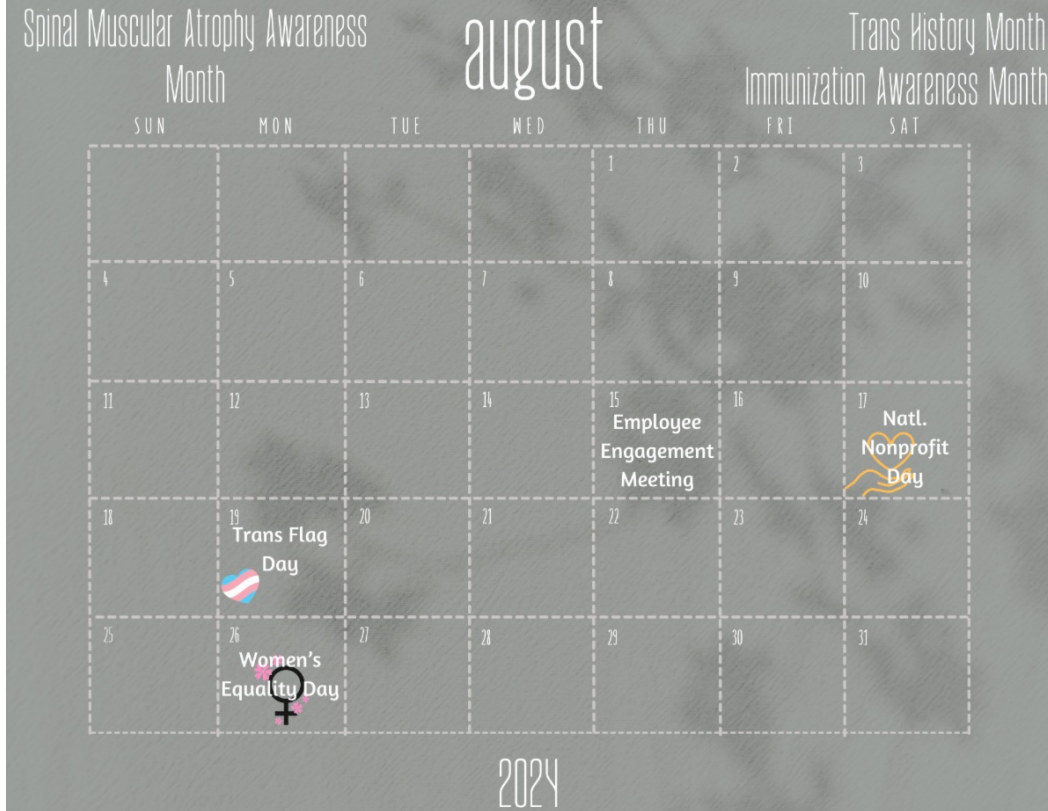
*Milo Mercurio (Direct Support Specialist) met with our friends in the Newton community to talk about what it's like being support staff.*



*Our very own Gwen Fineberg got a shoutout from the panel for all of her hard work to support the community over the years!*

[Watch The Panel](#)

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## Discover The Price Center: Join One of Our Monthly Tours!

The Price Center is excited to announce monthly tours of our organization, offering an in-depth look at our programs and the incredible impact they have on our community.

**Our next tour will take place on October 8th, 2024.**

The tours will be held at 10:00 AM on the second Tuesday of each month.

### What to Expect:

- **Meet Our Team:** Meet our dedicated staff and learn about our mission to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Explore Our Programs:** Discover our community day programs, employment services, day habilitation, and community living support.
- **Hear Inspiring Stories:** Hear firsthand stories from the individuals we serve and see the difference your support makes.

### RSVP Today:

Whether you are a long-time supporter or new to The Price Center, we invite you to join us!

To schedule a tour, please fill out the form below:  
<https://form.jotform.com/242062993727060>

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about  
The Price Center and the incredible work we do.

Tours are limited to 12 people, so sign up today!

We look forward to welcoming you!

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## The Price Center Clothing Drive: Support Miracle Mile Ministries!

The Price Center is excited to announce a clothing drive to benefit Miracle Mile Ministries, a charity organization dedicated to supporting those impacted by the opioid crisis and others in need within our community. We are proud to support this initiative, especially with the long-time commitment of our Building and Grounds Manager, Cesar Deossa, who has been a passionate advocate for the organization.

We invite all staff, families, and community members to contribute to this important cause. We welcome all new and gently used clothing items, but there is a particular need for **new women's underwear** and **gender-neutral socks**. Your generous donations will help make a difference in the lives of those who rely on Miracle Mile Ministries for support during these challenging times.

### How to Participate:

- Gather your donations of clothing items.
- Drop them off at The Price Center
- For more information or to coordinate your donations, please email us at [communications@thepricecenter.org](mailto:communications@thepricecenter.org).

Let's come together to support Miracle Mile Ministries and help those affected by the opioid crisis and other hardships. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making a positive impact in our community!

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## Happening in the Community

### 2024 State Primary: Important Dates

- **Registration Deadline:**  
August 24, 2024
- **Mail in Ballots Due:**  
August 26, 2024
- **State Primary:**  
September 3, 2024



[thearcofmass.org/voting](https://thearcofmass.org/voting)



**CARE ONE**  
At Newton

PRESENTS

**5TH ANNUAL**

**COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

**FREE ENTRY**





**Live Performer • Magic Show • Reptile Display • Bubble Show**  
**Bouncy House • Obstacle Course • Water Slides (bring a towel)**  
**Arts & Crafts • Tie-Dye • Lawn Games • Concessions & More!**

**Sat Aug 24th From 10A to 2P**

**Event Site: 2101 Washington St., Newton, MA**

Parking is located at 2100 Washington St. (Directly across the street)



## CELEBRATIONS CONNECTIONS & CONFECTIONS

**JOIN US**

We're celebrating 50 years of service, advocacy, and action and setting up the next 50 years for independent living!

**BCIL 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, September 21, 2024  
1:00 to 4:00 pm  
Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center  
1350 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

**Special Guests**



Event Emcee: James Hill  
of Java with Jimmy

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Storytelling Project
- Adaptive Games for children 1 to 10 years of age
- Caravan for Disability Freedom and Justice
- Light fare, snacks and cake!

Friends & Family welcome!  
Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/BCIL50th>  
The event is free but requires registration



ASL & CART provided

Questions? Contact Susan  
617-339-6665  
ssmith@bostoncill.org

**Have an upcoming event you think our staff, community or individuals could benefit from?**

**We want to hear about it! Please send the details to: [communications@thepricecenter.org](mailto:communications@thepricecenter.org)**





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