



## **The Guild for Human Services at a Glance**

### **The Need**

- About 6.5 million people in the country have an intellectual disability
- One in every 59 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism, nearly triple the incidence in 2004

### **The Guild for Human Services**

- Founded in 1945 and incorporated in 1952 as The Protestant Guild for the Blind
- The Guild offers services for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, including autism, and behavioral/mental health challenges
- The Guild's mission is to educate, encourage and empower individuals with intellectual disabilities so they may achieve their full potential to lead high-quality lives and participate meaningfully in society

### **The Guild School**

- 85 students ages 6-22
- Curriculum customized for each student focuses on developing skills in several areas: communications, sensory integration, socialization, pre vocational/vocational, play and self-care
- Most students reside in eight family-style homes in neighborhoods in communities around Concord
- Focus in residences is on developing skills for increased independence

### **Adult Services**

- The Guild operates 11 homes in Eastern Mass. for 55 individuals
- Residents receive individualized care focused on community inclusion, implementation of positive behavior supports and increasing independence
- During the week, residents attend state-licensed day programs