

# A PBS Presentation of Visionaries

Two Minute Trailer

Title: TILL Inc.

Narrator: Sam Waterston

Dafna Krouk-Gordon, TILL Founder and CEO  
Sandra A. Cummins, Director, Residential Services

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**Sam Waterston:**

“This is the story of TILL, Toward Independent Living and Learning, an organization that takes independence seriously. They want every person to feel that they have a place and a value because of their ability rather than their disability. “

**Dafna Krouk-Gordon:**

“One of the challenges that individuals with disabilities have is really overcoming or proving to others who have a certain set of expectations before they even meet somebody. The way in which our staff support individuals is really to push beyond what society has set as a limit, being able to bring out the abilities and the potential that one has.”

**Benjamin Younger, Employee of TILL, Inc.:**

(Benjamin is packing school lunches while talking)

“I crimp the tins as fast as I can. And I can do it without looking at them because I’ve done it so many times usually 1000 a day.”

**Woman, Employee of TILL, Inc.:**

(Woman is holding up a birdhouse )

“I made a birdhouse.”

**Dafna Krouk-Gordon:**

“Using the individual as the guide for him or herself to tell us what do they want to do, what can they do. We expand opportunities, we really broaden horizons.”

**Sandra A. Cummins:**

“The job that we have is that we are teachers, we are mentors. We are here to really help the individuals learn how to be as independent as possible in their own life. Really it’s the job of seeing people become who no one thought they could be.”

**Sam Waterston:**

“TILL continues its ongoing commitment to growth in response to people’s needs.”