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Tony Williams Leaves Legacy

We are deeply saddened to learn of Tony Williams' death on Monday from complications of pneumonia at the age of 49. Tony was a role model for independent living. He motivated those around him, advocated for people with disabilities and made significant contributions to his community.

Tony was the Executive Director at the Multicultural Independent Living Center of Boston, now located in Jamaica Plain, until three years ago. He has been active on the PCA Workforce Council, as well as on the Foxboro Commission on Disability. In his hometown of Foxboro, Williams motivated students and others, both through example and events. "Williams was currently working with commission member Margaret Chaisson to organize a regular show on Foxboro Cable Access in which individuals could talk about their challenges, Collins said." (from an [article](#) by Frank Mortimer).

Tony grew up in Boston, and attended school in Foxboro as a Metco student. In 1982, he was seriously injured playing in a high school football game. "Williams said that right after his injury he had a difficult time adjusting, but he made a choice to go on and do positive things, and not let his disability hold him back." (Frank Mortimer) With quadriplegia, Williams learned to drive an accessible van. He worked throughout his life, including advocating to make Foxboro accessible to everyone.

Tony will be missed.

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Tony Williams, left, receives recognition for his contribution to the PCA Workforce Council

Visitation will be held at Roberts and Sons Funeral Home, 30 South St., Foxboro on Tuesday (May 6) from 4 to 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at the Morning Star Baptist Church, 1257 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 7.

Sincerely,
Paul W. Spooner
Executive Director, MWCIL

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