

## A Message From Our Executive Director - Spring 2024

Hello and Happy Spring!

Here at Rodman for Kids, we have been thinking a lot about community, a thread that runs through everything we do.

Through our Charity Partner Program, youth-focused organizations of varying specialties and capacities engage in a supportive peer community that they can't access anywhere else.

So far this year, we've already hosted 8 professional development workshops for these 42 Charity Partners, and next month we'll host a half-day conference. It'll be focused on communication, connection, and collaboration which ultimately will help these organizations better deliver on their missions.

Our Theatre for Kids program breaks down barriers to arts access for ALL kids, regardless of their socioeconomic status or abilities. This year, we will introduce 5,000 kids to the wondrous, diverse, and accepting performing arts community, and 20% of the tickets we'll distribute are reserved for kids with different abilities.

We are just getting started on what is sure to be an impactful year, and we look forward to updating you along the way!

But in the meantime, I hope you'll mark your calendars for the two days that we'll convene to support and celebrate thousands of kids: The 34th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids will take place here in Foxboro on Saturday, September 21st, and the 22nd Annual Celebration for Kids will ring in the holiday season in Boston on Saturday, December 7th.

Whether you're a donor, rider, volunteer, or engage with us in another way- I am so grateful to count you among our community of Rodman for Kids supporters. For this and so much more, I thank you.

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