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Community Rowing Now Recruiting Runners for 125th Boston Marathon

BOSTON, MA [May 19, 2021]—Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI) has been named a member of the 2021 Boston Marathon Official Charity Program for the second consecutive year and is now accepting applications for its marathon team. CRI will receive 15 invitational entries to the 125th Boston Marathon in support of its Para Rowing Programs. These programs offer youth and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities an opportunity to experience the profound physical and mental benefits of rowing. CRI marathon runners' fundraising efforts will provide direct support for the innovative training and advocacy of Para athletes and the continued development of inclusion programs.

Those who are selected to run the in-field or virtual 2021 Boston Marathon team on behalf of CRI will receive:

- Training support from Dan Fitzgerald, co-founder of Heartbreak Hill Running Company and founder and coach of the Heartbreakers running club. Dan will provide both local and remote training options;
- Fundraising support including an online fundraising page, goal planning, communication templates, space to hold fundraising events if needed, and more;
- Team events leading up to the marathon and on the weekend of the race;
- Marathon Team Gear: Two Wicking T-shirts (one short sleeve & one long sleeve), Shorts, and more!

Through the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) [Official Charity Program](#), Community Rowing was chosen as one of 41 local and national nonprofit organizations. Each year, the B.A.A.

supports select organizations that strengthen the local community by providing a significant fundraising opportunity. In 2020, participants running the Boston Marathon on behalf of the members of the Official Charity Program raised \$18.5 million.

“The 125th Boston Marathon will be historic for many reasons this year,” said Ted Benford, Executive Director of CRI. “We’re looking forward to meeting this year’s team of runners, who want to make a difference in the lives of those we serve, and are incredibly grateful for our partnership with the B.A.A.”

Community Rowing, Inc. offers the most expansive and inclusive rowing programming in the country. It is the USRowing Para Training Center, the first national training center for rowers with disabilities in the United States, and we are committed to advancing Para Rowing at all levels. Rowing, like running, is a sport that gives—it grants people access to their bodies, unlocks their potential, and pushes them in ways that cause them to grow, develop, and thrive. CRI’s mission is to make the sport accessible without regard to individual ability, background, experience, or income.

CRI is currently accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis. To submit an application for CRI’s 2021 Boston Marathon team, visit <https://bit.ly/CRI Marathon Team>.

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Community Rowing Inc. (CRI) was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that the sport of rowing provides unique opportunities to promote personal and community growth through teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness. We invite individuals of all backgrounds, abilities and experience to grow through rowing.