

March 25, 2020

Dear Charles River Center Community,

I am writing to let you know that the 25<sup>th</sup> annual **Building A Dream Gala**, scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Westin Waltham Boston, has been canceled. Our Board of Directors and leadership team made this decision out of an abundance of caution and concern for the well-being of our guests during the new coronavirus health crisis.

Each year, our Building A Dream Gala is the biggest single source of revenue for the Charles River Center. Our inability to hold this event will have a serious negative impact on the funding that sustains our programs and services. In addition, we are missing the opportunity to have meaningful engagement with the donors, families and community supporters who make a such a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

We would like to acknowledge our **Building A Dream Gala** sponsors for their generosity and commitment.

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In the coming weeks, we will be launching an online auction. The auction will include a variety of items including art, jewelry, event tickets and much more. This will provide an opportunity for you to provide much needed financial support. We will be sending you details soon and hope you will participate.

We are also asking you, as someone who believes in the importance of our mission, to consider helping us fill the gap in our funding during this extraordinary time by making a gift—large or small—to support the work of Charles River Center. [Make a Gift](#)

Charles River Center is fortunate to have incredible supporters – individuals, families, corporations and community partners. We wish you good health and thank you for your continued support of our work on behalf of people with intellectual and development disabilities and autism.

Sincerely,

Hilary Ryan  
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