



Hi everyone! My name is SaraBeth and this is my first time running a marathon, but not my first time being a part of the Boston Marathon (I've cheered on runners from the sidelines for the past 14 years!) or dedicating some of my time to raising awareness about rare diseases. The journey of being on the Running for Rare team has been incredible thus far - 2ish months of training down, 2 more to go and I've already managed to reach my fundraising minimum goal! For me, running this sort of distance is a huge challenge, but it pales in comparison to what some of the patients and caregivers in the rare disease community have to persevere from seeking a diagnosis to receiving treatment.

I work in a biotech focusing on treatments for rare diseases, allowing me to interact with patients, health care providers, and health authorities to help get the safest and most effective drugs to market as quickly as possible all over the world. I am passionate about my career and am so moved when I get to hear the stories of the journey of patient - this is what motivated me to apply to run for NORD and now I have the privilege of helping to educate others about this organization and the impact it makes in the rare disease community! The second I start to get nervous about my next training run (18 miles this weekend!), I just think back to being part of Running for Rare and the pride of being on this team gives me the strength, energy, and drive to get through a few miles on the road!

