Welcome to the Fourth Chordoma Community Conference. You are joined here in Boston by a community of fellow patients, friends, and family who are all united by a shared experience and a shared cause. The cancer that unites us makes us rare, but it also gives us a chance to be uncommon.

This year we are celebrating what makes us uncommon. The uncommon bravery of patients facing this challenging disease. The uncommon compassion of family, friends and caregivers. The uncommon insight and dedication of the doctors and scientists working towards better treatments. The uncommon generosity of volunteers, donors, and fundraisers who support the Chordoma Foundation’s urgent mission. The uncommon devotion of those who carry on the legacy of loved ones lost to chordoma by remaining resolute in their support of this community.

Chordoma singled us out, but together we have the power to stop it. This conference is about learning from one another, supporting one another, and working together to bring about a cure that will only be possible through our uncommon commitment to make it so.

In the five years since the first community conference, our commitment to one another has taken us far. Through our support of the Chordoma Foundation, we are more connected than ever before, have access to more information than ever before, and have an unprecedented vehicle through which to effectively advance the search for a cure. Because chordoma is rare, each of us has uncommon importance to this community and to the success of this cause. On behalf of the Chordoma Foundation Board, and the Conference Planning Committee, we are thrilled that you are part of this uncommon community.

Sincerely,

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