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MARATHON BOMBING SURVIVOR <u>JEFF BAUMAN</u> TELLS HIS STORY OF COURAGE AND RECOVERY IN READING
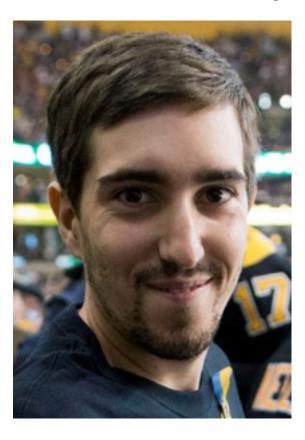
His world changed in an instant, forcing Jeff Bauman to face challenges most of us cannot imagine. Jeff became the face of the Boston Marathon tragedy when the photo of his rescue made headlines around the globe.   He tells his moving and dramatic story in Reading on Wed, February 12 at 7:00 pm at the Endslow Performing Arts Center at Reading Memorial High School. Understanding Disabilities, Inc. is sponsoring this special presentation, with generous support from the Harpley Foundation.   It comes just after Jeff was the guest of the Obamas at the State of the Union address, and just before the publication of his book "Stronger."

Jeff Bauman was waiting at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15 when the first bomb exploded. Jeff was gravely injured in the attack and lost both of his legs. From his hospital bed he described one of the suspects, helping police identify the alleged bombers. In the ten months since the attack, Jeff Bauman remains a beacon of hope, strength and resilience as he learns to live with, and overcome his disability.

This community presentation is open to the public. Admission is $8, $5 for students, or $15 per family. Box Office hours are Mon, February 10 from 6:30 to 7:30,

and Wed, February 12 beginning at 6:15. While most of Jeff's presentation will focus on his recovery, he may also discuss the Marathon bombings so age discretion is advised.

Understanding Disabilities (UD) is a non-profit organization that has provided disability awareness programming in the Reading Public Schools for 29 years. UD's goal is to teach children to see beyond people's disabilities and to focus on the ways we're all the same inside. For more information on Mr. Bauman's presentation or on Understanding Disabilities, contact UD at www.understandingdisabilities.org.

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