



Meet your CFMT Relationship Manager

Rondal Richardson

Rondal advances CFMT's mission within the music, arts, sports, and entertainment industries by growing assets, increasing grantmaking, and delivering exceptional service to fundholders. He works closely with these individuals to align their philanthropic goals with impactful community initiatives, provides strategic guidance, and ensures seamless fund management. By helping entertainers fulfill their dreams of giving back, Rondal is fulfilling a dream of his own.

A seventh-generation Tennessean, he treasures his role as a bridge builder across generations in his very large Middle Tennessee family. Outside of work, you'll find him exploring backroads and hiking trails or learning life lessons of empathy and kindness from Ted Lasso.



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Fun Facts about Rondal



Favorite author and quote:

I'm a ten-year disciple of Dr. Brene Brown's transformative work. The humanity of her teachings evolves around the notion of "clear is kind." One of my favorites from Brene's work is "you have to collect the dots before you connect the dots." That's what makes the work at CFMT so rewarding- showing up where people are.

Fun Fact about my background:

I was part of the skeleton crew for Garth Brooks' 1997 Central Park concert - 1 million people, 24 hours, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience in hospitality and humility.



Unusual item in my office:

I worked on the first Lilo & Stitch movie in 2002 and have a number of Stitch figurines on my desk to remind me that when we stand together, it's our finest hour. Ohana!

Dream lunch guest:

My parents! They left a legacy of giving back that rests in every fiber of my DNA. It's been over twenty years since they passed away, but they continually whisper into my heart to try to do my best to take care of the world for the generations which are to come.



Favorite remote work place:

Sewanee. Breathing the mountain air that both refreshed my childhood soul and soothed my adult heart is the perfect combination of standing in wonder with the world and the possibilities that exist when we live and work in community.

What motivates my work at CFMT?

Listening. The way that we listen shows how we lead. The connective tissue that unites us all starts and ends with using our ears to help others discover what they are most passionate about.