

GET OFF THE SIDELINES

Fall 2011

Hi everyone,

We're happy to celebrate the miracle of life. In mid-August, we welcomed Christopher Joseph to the Andruzzi family. He is a true bundle of joy and well loved by his parents and older siblings. What's amazing to me is that four years ago we bonded as a family to help Joe fight cancer and now we're united by new life. Everything is possible.

With winter ahead, home costs will continue to rise due to heat, gas and electric use. This is an especially tough time of year for families battling cancer. Please help us offer them financial assistance or choose to support pediatric brain cancer research by visiting our website and making a donation at www.joeandruzzifoundation.org.

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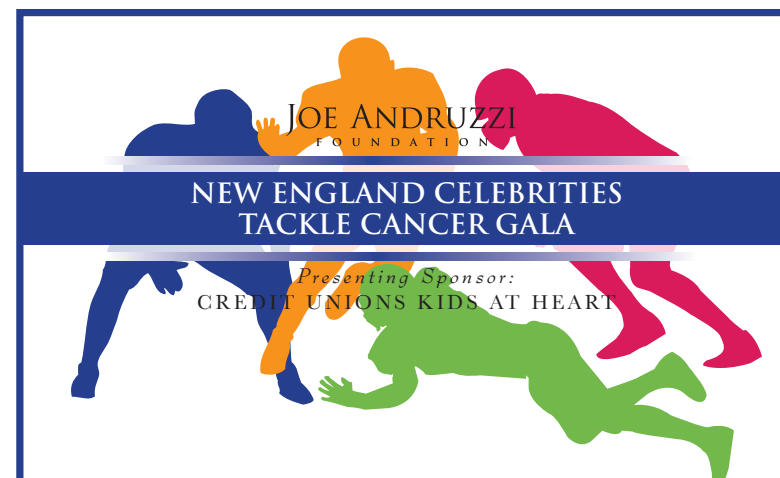
FOURTH ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND CELEBRITIES TACKLE CANCER GALA

Mark your calendars to join us on **Monday, November 7** at Christina's in Foxboro. Rub elbows with local celebrities as well as cancer survivors. Help us score a touchdown by joining others who are passionate about tackling cancer's impact.

"The Credit Unions Kids at Heart is the presenting sponsor of the New England Celebrities Tackle Cancer Gala because we are passionate about helping children and their families during their battle with cancer.

Our program consists of local-area credit unions that have provided funding to Children's Hospital Boston since 1996, and we are pleased that our donation will directly support pediatric brain cancer research at the Hospital," said Jane Melchionda, president and CEO, EasCorp.

If you're interested in sponsorship, volunteering or donating an auction item, please contact Nancy Griffin at 774-284-4694 or email nancy@joeandruzzifoundation.org.



DREAM CAMP



For the second year, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation teamed up with the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation. Known as "Dream Camp," we invited 20 cancer patients and their families per session over two days.

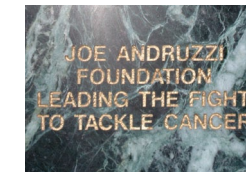


This provides a chance to get up close and personal with some of their local football heroes. Having an activity outside of the clinic is a rare treat. Joe brought

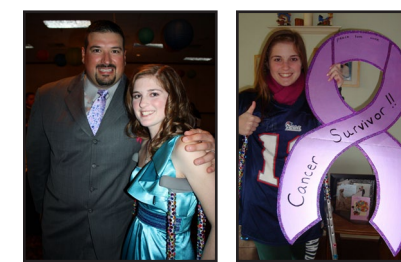
his Super Bowl rings for everyone to try on in addition to taking photos and signing autographs.

GROWING CANCER AWARENESS

Sponsored by The Conquer Cancer Coalition (www.conquer-cancer.org), the Cancer Garden of Hope in Boston's City Hall Plaza is a special tribute and thank you to everyone on the cancer journey. Take a tour of the sponsored bricks and look for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation plaque. Similar to cultivating a garden, both organizations firmly believe that it's easier to tackle cancer's impact as a team with everyone's participation.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT



"I feel like I cheated cancer because I didn't have chemotherapy. Instead I had several surgeries," said Samantha Bourque. "Now my commute is to the Jimmy Fund Clinic instead of college."



Ignoring symptoms for too long, Samantha was diagnosed with clear cell sarcoma in August 2010. This changed her school and work plan, which was different than most of the young families she'd meet in the Jimmy Fund Clinic. Samantha is passionate about helping others and hopes to sell her crutches some day to help other cancer patients in need.

For more on Samantha's story, visit our website at joeandruzzifoundation.org/wp/patient-stories. Please help us support others like Samantha.

GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISERS

Joe has been teeing off to help other organizations raise money for great causes. In exchange for his participation at The 2011 Steven F. Gaughan Memorial Golf Tournament, the South Shore Young Professionals Charity Golf Tournament and The Foster County Club/WEEI 103.7 Charitable Golf Classic, the Foundation raised \$36,750 and awareness.

A WINNING SEASON

We are thankful to corporate partners like Easton Pool & Spa (www.eastonpool.com) for joining our fundraising efforts. We met Dave Hobaica, company president, during our pool installation and he was inspired by our mission. With players like Dave on our team, we can move faster towards our goal of doubling the amount of financial assistance recipients in 2011. Easton Pool & Spa generously donates a portion of the fee from pool openings and closings to the Joe Andruzzi Foundation. They also encourage any potential donors to visit one of their retail stores in South Easton and Walpole or online at tackling.joeandruzzifoundation.org/eastonpoolspa. To increase the impact of personal donations,



Easton Pool & Spa will match all gifts up to \$100 each.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

November 7

Jen and Joe Andruzzi along with the Honorary Committee invite you to attend the Fourth Annual New England Celebrities Tackle Cancer Gala. Come join us at Christina's, 2 Washington Street, Foxboro, MA.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Although we are thinking about it throughout the year, October is national breast cancer awareness month. We know the key to success is early detection so encourage your relatives and friends to get screened annually.



Over the past year, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation has assisted 13 breast cancer survivors and their families. Many dynamic women reach out to us because before cancer they juggled careers, family, economic situations and volunteer work. Then when they are diagnosed with breast cancer, it impacts their lives financially beyond what they had planned.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT FENWAY PARK



Sometimes generosity can be contagious. Val DePerrio, president and owner operator of The Dry Cleaner

by Val, began focusing on textile restoration just two years after opening his business in 1989. With a passion for giving back to the community, his team decided to rally together and hold a cancer fundraiser for families at Fenway Park in August with proceeds going to Dana-Farber and the Joe Andruzzi Foundation. Val met Joe initially through his business, but remained impressed by the great work of the Foundation.

"I can relate to the cause because my father died of cancer," said DePerrio. "The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is the only organization designated to helping both patients and families. Joe really cares about the cause and you know the money goes to helping

people." At the event, the team held a 50/50 opportunity drawing and sold nearly 200 tickets for \$100 each. One of Val's business associates, Mark Silverman of Mark's Moving & Storage, purchased 10 opportunity drawing tickets to show his support.

"I received a call that I won \$8,600 and thought it was a prank," said Silverman. "After a brief reflection, my heart told me that if I donated that amount back to the Foundation it would do the most good." Silverman was happy to have an opportunity to support a local community cause and looks forward to greater participation in the future.

Thanks to The Dry Cleaner by Val employees, Family Fun Day was a huge success and raised \$17,200 for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation. This exemplifies a team effort to making a difference for families undergoing tough battles with cancer. If you're interested in hosting your own third-party event, visit joeandruzzifoundation.org/wp/events/third-party-events to read the guidelines and download an application.

JOE ANDRUZZI FOUNDATION

MISSION: The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is tackling cancer's impact by providing financial assistance for patients and their families as well as funding pediatric brain cancer research.

OUR STORY: Jen and Joe Andruzzi were active locally during Joe's football career with the New England Patriots. That included visiting patients to lift their spirits. Meeting a young man named C.J. Buckley a month after he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor touched their hearts in an unusual way. C.J. and his family became extended family members to the Andruzzis and his passing left a hole in their hearts. In 2003, the Andruzzis started the C.J. Buckley Brain Cancer Research Fund at Children's Hospital Boston years before battling cancer became personal.

On May 30, 2007, Joe was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's lymphoma, predicted to double in size within 24 hours. He had an aggressive chemotherapy treatment over several months both at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Thankfully, Joe was told that there was no sign of cancer in his body by the fall of 2007 and remains cured today.

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