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Three-Time Super Bowl Champ Joe Andruzzi Hits the Links for Cancer Patients at Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Special guest hosts and Patriots co-captains Rob Ninkovich and Matthew Slater join with current and former teammates, legends and celebrities in support of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation

MANSFIELD, M.A. (May 15, 2014) – New England pro athletes and celebrities will tee off to raise money for cancer patients and their families at Pinehills Golf Club (Plymouth, MA) on Monday, June 30 for the Sixth Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament. Hosted by three-time Super Bowl Champion and cancer survivor, Joe Andruzzi, his wife Jen, executive director of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF), and Patriots co-captains Rob Ninkovich and Matthew Slater, the tournament will raise funds and awareness to support the Foundation's mission of providing help, hope and a reason to smile for patients and their families when it is needed most.

"We are extremely excited to be entering into the sixth year of our annual golf tournament," said Andruzzi, co-founder of JAF. "This summer tradition is a special one for us as it brings athletes and celebrities together in support of our mission, which in turn allows us to *pay-it-forward* to so many patients in need throughout the region."

In the past, the tournament has been supported by local and familiar faces, including Vince Wilfork, Rob Gronkowski, Julian Edelman, Tedy Bruschi and local comedian Lenny Clarke, among others. This year's attendees can plan for more of the same, as a robust turnout of area athletes and celebrities is anticipated.

Last year's tournament raised a record of $278,000, and proceeds from this year's event – presented by JAF-supporter East Commerce Solutions, Inc. – will once again allow JAF to help alleviate cancer's financial and emotional impact on patients, as well as fund critical pediatric cancer research at Boston Children's Hospital.

"The support we receive from our friends and family, as well as our presenting sponsor East Commerce Solutions, Inc., allows us to assist a growing number of patients and continue to spread our upbeat mission," said Jen Andruzzi. "Each year we become increasingly grateful for the active participation in our tournament, and we hope to have others join us out on the links for a great day in the name of charity."

The Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament will return to Pinehills Golf Club for the second year in a row. The premier club, rated one of the "Top 10 You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine*, boasts two separate 18-hole championship courses. Golfers will hit the links at 10 a.m., playing a "scramble" format – where foursomes tee off, then choose the best of the groups shots for the next shot. All golfers then play the second shot from that location, and again choose the best shot. This process is continued until the ball is holed.

While fundraising will be primarily supported through a variety of tournament sponsorship levels, the Foundation has created another opportunity for supporters and participants to donate. Priceless sports memorabilia, entertainment packages and other prizes will all be up for bid onsite during silent and live

auctions. Event prizes and giveaways have traditionally included autographed sports gear, tickets to Boston sporting events, luxurious catered meals and more.

The tournament schedule of events is as follows:

8:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on the Course
4:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception, Silent Auction & Presentation of Prizes
5:00 p.m.	Dinner, Guest Speaker & Live Auction
6:00 p.m.	Conclusion of Festivities

To inquire about playing in the tournament, contact Gillian Furey at golf@joeandruzzifoundation.org. Registration is also available online at http://bit.ly/JAFGolf14.

About The Joe Andruzzi Foundation
The Joe Andruzzi Foundation was founded in 2008 to help cancer patients and their families make critical mortgage, rent and utility payments during financially-challenging times, and to fund pediatric brain cancer research. It also provides patients with social and emotional support and acts as a general resource for families. Joe Andruzzi, a former offensive guard with the New England Patriots, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's Lymphoma in 2007 and was treated at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Disease-free less than a year later, Joe dedicated his life to supporting other cancer patients and funding life-saving research. The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is Joe and his wife Jen's second philanthropic effort; in 2003, they started the C.J. Buckley Brain Cancer Research Fund at Boston Children's Hospital in memory of C.J. Buckley, a young man with an inoperable brain tumor who touched their hearts before losing his battle in 2002. The fund supports much-needed, innovative research into the molecular nature of pediatric brain tumors, novel treatment therapies and alternatives to multiple surgeries. The aim is to contribute to the growing knowledge base of available brain cancer cures, making treatment more widely available to all.

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