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Former New England Patriot Joe Andruzzi Visits National Grid to Thank Company, Employees for Successful ‘Points for Patients’ Campaign

New England energy provider pledged \$500 to Joe Andruzzi Foundation for every touchdown scored by New England during 2013 – 2014 season

BOSTON, MASS. (January 28, 2014) – Though football season is winding-down in New England, the [Joe Andruzzi Foundation](#) (JAF) and local energy provider [National Grid](#) are still celebrating touchdowns – commemorating another year of successful fundraising. The Points for Patients campaign, which kicked-off this past August, raised more than \$158,000 for JAF in support of patients and families struggling with cancer.

For this year’s program, National Grid pledged to donate \$500 to JAF for each and every New England touchdown scored during the 2013 – 2014 NFL season. The Points for Patients campaign also included opportunities for the public to help tackle cancer’s impact, with the energy company matching donations made by the public, dollar for dollar up to \$75,000 to the campaign. The Place restaurant in Boston – the official “home” of the Points for Patients campaign during away games – also donated 20 percent of all sales generated during away games towards the Foundation, with a minimum donation of \$25,000.

JAF President Joe Andruzzi, and his wife, Foundation Executive Director, Jen, visited National Grid’s Waltham, Mass. offices on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 to thank the company and its employees for its generosity towards helping cancer patients when they need it most.

“The Points for Patients program has been such an overwhelming success for our foundation, and Jen and I are truly moved by the generosity of National Grid and its employees this season,” said Joe Andruzzi, former New England Patriot and three-time Super Bowl Champion, who co-founded the Joe Andruzzi Foundation after recovering from non-Hodgkin’s Burkitt’s Lymphoma six years ago. “Our foundation has a longstanding motto – to ‘pay it forward’ – and we couldn’t wait to visit the Waltham office to personally thank all those who helped make this season’s campaign our most successful yet.”

The \$158,000+ in new funds will directly support JAF’s mission of providing financial relief to patients and their families so they can better focus on recovery from cancer. In addition to pledging \$500 for each of New England’s 68 preseason, regular season and postseason touchdowns – and matching public donations towards the campaign – National Grid had 118 employees independently contribute to helping the program exceed its goals.

“National Grid is a proud local supporter of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, and we look forward to supporting the foundation in the future,” said Marcy Reed, president of National Grid in Massachusetts. “The generosity and initiative of the many employees who independently donated to Points for Patients exemplifies National Grid’s core values and demonstrates our team’s role as an integral part of the New England community.”

As part of the partnership, National Grid also hosted patient families at select New England home games through 98.5 The Sports Hub Patriots Radio Network and CBS Radio Boston. Special public service announcements by the Andruzzis, promoting the Points for Patients program and urging fans to contribute, also ran during game coverage on 98.5 the Sports Hub and its 37 affiliates.

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is an organization committed to providing help, hope, and a reason to smile for cancer patients and their families by contributing financial and emotional support when it is needed most – as they fight everyday financial battles during cancer treatment, including mounting rent and mortgage payments, utilities bills, car loan payments and more.

The Points for Patients program marked the second straight year the Joe Andruzzi Foundation has partnered with National Grid for a football season-long campaign. [The local energy provider pledged](#) to donate to JAF for every “[Touchdowns by Tom](#)” touchdown pass thrown by star quarterback Tom Brady over the course of the 2012 season, as well as matching public donations, totaling \$118,325.

Images from Tuesday’s event are available online at: www.instagram.com/nationalgrid.

For more information on the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, please visit www.joeandruzzifoundation.org or follow JAF on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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 Children’s Hospital Boston 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.

About National Grid

National Grid (LSE: NG; NYSE:NGG) is an electricity and gas company that connects consumers to energy sources through its networks. The company is at the heart of one of the greatest challenges facing our society - to create new, sustainable energy solutions for the future and developing an energy system that underpins economic prosperity in the 21st century. National Grid holds a vital position at the center of the energy system and it ‘joins everything up’.

In the northeast US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles. In Great Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country.

National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It is the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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About The Place

Under the ownership of Sam Slater and Brad Goldberg, longtime friends and purveyors of the service and nightlife industry, The Place is a premier after-work destination and bar that serves up tasty bites and couture cocktails throughout the night. Located at 2 Broad Street in Boston's Faneuil Hall neighborhood, The Place is open weekdays from 4:00pm – 2:00am and weekends from 12:00pm – 2:00am. For more information, please call 617-523-2081 or visit www.theplaceboston.com . Follow The Place on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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