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Joe Andruzzi Foundation Receives \$50K Donation from Empower Retirement Through 'Goal Line Giving' Campaign

2017 marked the second year of the partnership; contribution will allow Foundation to provide financial assistance to New England cancer patients in need

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. & North Attleboro, MA (January 16, 2018) — The **Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF)** and **Empower Retirement** are thrilled to announce that the second year of Goal Line Giving – a charitable partnership providing financial assistance to New England cancer patients and their families – raised \$45,800 over the past four months. To help the Foundation provide aid to even more patients in need, Empower Retirement has generously rounded-up its total contribution to \$50,000.

The 2017 football season marked the second year of JAF and Empower Retirement's Goal Line Giving campaign, which took place throughout the NFL's regular season. The partnership has proved to be an immense success through two years, where Empower pledged to donate \$100 towards JAF's Financial Assistance Program for every point New England scored on the football field. After a fruitful and exciting season of cheering on Boston's beloved NFL team, New England scored a total of 458 points – equaling a donation of \$45,800. Including Empower's added contribution, the \$50,000 raised will allow JAF to offer vital assistance to tens of families battling cancer.

JAF's Financial Assistance Program provides support to cancer patients and their families while the patients go through treatment, allowing them to focus all of their energy on recovery – not bills. The program helps patients with basic living expenses, such as mortgage, rent, and utility bills.

"We are so grateful for Empower Retirement's generosity, and are humbled to participate in such an impactful partnership for a second year in a row," said Joe Andruzzi, Foundation President. "Thanks to Empower Retirement, and the value they see within our mission, we can now reach out to more families to relieve some financial stress so they can focus all of their energy on battling cancer."

"It's with tremendous pride that Empower supports the mission of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation to help families with great needs during difficult times," said Empower president Edmund F. Murphy III. "Through the team's extraordinary performance, New England has certainly made this a thrilling football season and it's been great to turn their on-field success into a winning opportunity for these families."

The Goal Line Giving partnership also allowed for both organization's to join together and raise crucial awareness for the Foundation's mission in an effort to drive donations and greater visibility for the needs of families coping with cancer.

Empower, the nation's second-largest retirement services provider, is a [sponsor](#) of the New England Patriots.

Pictured (L-R): Joe Andruzzi and Empower Retirement president, Edmund F. Murphy III.

About the Joe Andruzzi Foundation

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) is committed to providing help, hope, and a reason to smile for New England- based cancer patients and their families by contributing financial and emotional support when it is needed most. Founded in 2008 by former New England Patriots three-time Super Bowl Champion offensive guard Joe Andruzzi and his wife Jen, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation grew out of Joe's own successful battle with cancer and the couple's ongoing work with young cancer patients. In 2007, Joe's football career abruptly ended when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's lymphoma. Disease-free less than a year later, Joe and Jen chose to dedicate their lives towards solving the financial distress a cancer diagnosis can cause in the lives of patients and families. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit: joeandruzzifoundation.org or visit JAF's [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages.

About Empower Retirement

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