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Joe Andruzzi Foundation Celebrates Landmark Year Hosting Tenth Annual Gratitude Gala

Pro-athletes, local celebrities, and constituents come together for a night of gratitude and fundraising for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation

WHO: Hosted by three-time Super Bowl Champion and cancer survivor **Joe Andruzzi**, alongside his wife, **Jen**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the [Joe Andruzzi Foundation](#) (JAF). Emceed by *CBS Sports* reporter **Jenny Dell** and a special meet and greet with pro-athletes and local celebrities.

WHAT: Joe and Jen Andruzzi, the founders of the **Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF)**, will host the 10th annual **Gratitude Gala**. Presented by East Commerce Solutions, Inc., this year's gala pays special tribute to reaching a landmark milestone, as the Foundation is elated to be celebrating the tenth year of the Gratitude Gala. This annual event is crucial in raising funds for the JAF mission, which is to assist cancer patients and their families to help pay for everyday bills such as rent/mortgage payments, utilities, and other household expenses. The gala also serves as an evening of gratitude, where the Foundation is able to pay special tribute to those who have provided key support for JAF over the past years.

The Gratitude Gala will feature signature cocktails, fine cuisine, and a silent auction. Hosted by *CBS Sports* reporter Jenny Dell, the event will include a special meet and greet with celebrities and athletes as well as an exciting live auction. The Foundation will also take time to recognize JAF's 2017 (Up)Beat Award recipient, Mark W. Kieran, MD, PhD – Director of Pediatric Medical Neuro-Oncology at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's – honoring his longstanding commitment to the JAF mission.

Last year's gala proved to be an immense success, raising a million dollars, and allowing the Foundation to continue its mission to help even more cancer patients and their families in New England.

WHERE: Gillette Stadium's Putnam Club

1 Patriot Place

Foxboro, MA 02035

****Media check-in at the E2 Gillette Stadium elevator entrance****

WHEN: Monday, December 4th

5:30 p.m.

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. - Cocktail reception and silent auction; interview/photo opportunities with gala VIPs, including Joe Andruzzi

7:00 p.m. - Dinner, live auction and speaking program

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.

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