



Joe Andruzzi Foundation Awarded Grant for One Mission Pediatric Financial Assistance Program

Joe Andruzzi Foundation's One Mission Pediatric Assistance Program provides New England-based children and their families facing cancer with direct financial and emotional support when it is needed most.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA., Nov 1, 2019 – The Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) announced today that it has been granted \$50,000 from One Mission to establish JAF's One Mission Pediatric Assistance Program – allowing the Foundation to expand the financial support it provides to pediatric patients and families throughout New England.

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation serves patients of all ages who have fallen on financial and emotional hardships as a result of a cancer diagnosis. For over 11 years, JAF has worked with healthcare facilities across New England to help thousands of cancer patients and their family members battling the cost of cancer by assisting with non-medical expenses such as household bills, car payments, gas, and utilities.

Since 2009, One Mission has raised more than \$10 million and has brought smiles, comfort, and support to over 10,000 kids fighting cancer and their families. One Mission's programs and services help patients and families get through the emotional and financial challenges that childhood cancer brings.

"Pediatric cancer impacts not only the child but the entire family, as cancer-related income loss and rising treatment costs can impose devastating financial stress during the most difficult time in their lives," said JAF President and CEO Jen Andruzzi. "The One Mission grant will enable JAF to provide financial assistance grants to over 50 cancer patients aged 18 and under within the next 12 months. We are extremely grateful to One Mission for supporting our mission and helping to extend the Foundation's reach with pediatric patients."

With the One Mission grant, JAF will look to build new relationships with New England pediatric facilities, increasing the Foundation's pediatric funding by 50%.

"I lived through the nightmare of pediatric cancer, so I know what it's like," said One Mission President and Founder, Ashley Haseotes. "These patients and families are going through some of the darkest days of their lives, and on top of that, they've got bills stacking up at home. Our mission is to be there for these families throughout their journey, giving them the love, support and hope they need during this difficult time. One Mission is proud to work with the Joe Andruzzi Foundation in support of our mutual goal to help children and families get through cancer."

In addition to increasing monetary grants, JAF will also launch a new program to provide a gift package to each pediatric cancer patient recipient during their in-hospital stay or at-home recovery. Patients and their families will also have the opportunity to attend one of JAF's (Up)Beat Events, which help families share a moment of laughter and take their minds off of cancer for a few hours.

ABOUT THE JOE ANDRUZZI FOUNDATION:

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) is committed to providing help, hope, and a reason to smile, for New England cancer patients and their families by contributing financial support when it is needed most. Founded in 2008, JAF covers basic non-medical needs that patients and caregivers impacted by cancer often find themselves unable to afford – including housing, food, transportation, and utilities. JAF continues to make a difference in the lives of families by relieving the financial burden a cancer diagnosis can cause, so patients can focus on treatment and recovery. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit: joendruzzifoundation.org or visit our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages.

ABOUT ONE MISSION:

One Mission is a pediatric cancer charity that does whatever it takes to get kids through cancer treatment. One Mission's programs and services reduce stress, restore joy and help patients and their families get through the emotional and financial challenges of treatment. Programs include but are not limited to: art & music therapy, in-hospital birthday parties & celebrations, hospital room redecoration, support programs, stress management therapies, yoga and financial assistance for families. Since 2009, One Mission has raised more than \$12 million dollars and has brought smiles, comfort and support to over 11,000 kids fighting cancer and their families. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.onemission.org.

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