

Jen Andruzzi

Co-Founder, President & CEO

Jen Andruzzi is the Co-Founder, President, and CEO of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF), a nonprofit 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. Joe, Jen's husband, won three Super Bowl's in the NFL before being diagnosed with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's lymphoma in May of 2007. After becoming cancer-free one-year later, the pair co-founded JAF, which dedicates itself to removing the financial barriers that cancer patients and families face.

As President and CEO, Jen fully commits herself to the life and growth of the Foundation. For the last 11 years, JAF has been a leader in the New England cancer community. Since the organization was founded, JAF has awarded 10,000+ financial assistance grants and continues to make a difference in the lives of thousands of families by relieving the financial burden cancer treatment causes, so that patients and their families can focus on treatment and recovery.

Jen works closely with JAF's partners at over 120 facilities throughout New England. Launching in 2020, Jen has created the JAF Healthcare Council – a taskforce dedicated to understanding the underlying issues of cancer related financial toxicity and finding long-term solutions to help patients and families.

Through the years, both Joe and Jen have received significant recognition for their commitment to JAF's mission. In 2011, the Hockomock YMCA awarded the duo with its Character Counts Award in celebration of their unmatched dedication to furthering the work of the Foundation. That same year, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women recognized Jen as one of their 100 Unsung Heroines of 2011, which is awarded to women recognized for hard work and contributions to their organizations and communities. In 2014, they also received the Walpole's Friends of St. Patrick's People of the Year award in recognition of their selfless nature and noble aspirations; and, in 2015, Jen was honored by the Boston Business Journal's *WomenUp: Local Women of Influence* program. In 2018, JAF was recognized with the Outstanding Service Award by the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce.



When not advocating on behalf of cancer patients, you will likely find Jen "on the move". She is a member of the Foundation's "Team JAF" and has completed three Boston Marathons and run the Falmouth Road Race five times. Jen is also kept quite busy with Joe as they raise their five children (and two dogs!) in Mansfield, Massachusetts.