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15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament Tees off at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA

Professional athletes, local legends, media, and more hit the links to raise money for New England cancer patients

North Attleboro, MA - (June 12, 2023) – The <u>Joe Andruzzi Foundation</u>, providing help, hope, and a reason to smile for New England cancer patients and their families through financial support when it is needed most, hosted its <u>15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament</u> on Monday, June 12th at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, Massachusetts and helped raise more than \$350,000 to help those in need.

Several players and alumni from the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins were out on the course, including Devin McCourty, Patrick Pass, Ronnie Lippett, Tim Wakefield, and Manny Delcarmen. Additional celebrities included Ken Casey of the Dropkick Murphys, actor/producer Kevin Chapman, and Jared Haibon of The Bachelor, to name a few.

"As we continue our 15th anniversary celebration throughout this year, we are grateful to those who came out today to support our Foundation, while enjoying a nice day on the green," said Joe Andruzzi, Co-Founder and Chief Engagement Officer. "Through the generous donations from our presenting sponsor, East Commerce Solutions, Inc., as well as our incredible partners, celebrity guests and players, we were able to meet our goal and raise more than \$350,000, which will directly help New Englanders facing food insecurity, household bills, transportation issues and more, allowing them to focus on what really matters, which is getting treatment."

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation helps New Englanders battling cancer through a variety of grants including Household Assistance, Extraordinary Needs, Food Security Assistance, Transportation Assistance, (Up)Beat Opportunities and additional resources. In 2022, more than \$1.25 million was distributed in direct assistance to help 3,762 individuals with financial assistance to pay for housing, transportation, utilities, food, insurance, and other household expenses.

"It's only through the generosity of our donors, including our first-ever \$1 million donation last year, that the Foundation is able to make such a meaningful impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors who are going through so much," said Jen Andruzzi, President & CEO. "Even as the need increases in the double-digit percentages, we are so proud to be able to fund approximately 95% of applicants to our programming."

To learn more about the Joe Andruzzi Foundation or the 15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament, please visit: www.joeandruzzifoundation.org.

PHOTOS: (photos credit of the Joe Andruzzi Foundation)

Photo 1:

Golfers making their way to the golf course for the 15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Photo 2:

Joe Andruzzi, Co-Founder and Chief Engagement Officer, addresses the crowd before the tournament kicked off in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Photos 3 & 4:

Golfers enjoyed a day of sunshine and fun – all for a good cause during the 15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Photo 5:

Local stars were out on the green for the 15th Annual Joe Andruzzi & Friends Golf Tournament including former New England Patriot **Dan Koppen**, WEEI host, **Nick "Fitzy" Stevens**, former New England Patriot **Tully Banta-Cain**, and *voice of the New England Patriots* and 98.5 The Sports Hub, **Bob Socci**.

About The Joe Andruzzi Foundation:

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation 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 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 Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

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