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## **The Joe Andruzzi Foundation Celebrates 15 Years of Supporting New England Cancer Patients with Regional Road Trip**

*The Foundation will kick off its Anniversary Road Trip in Rhode Island, March 27<sup>th</sup>*

**North Attleboro, MA - (March 28, 2023)** – The [Joe Andruzzi Foundation \(JAF\)](#), providing help, hope, and a reason to smile for New England cancer patients and their families through financial support when it is needed most, is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year. As part of the festivities, the Foundation is pleased to announce a New England Road Trip to celebrate the milestone, kicking off in Rhode Island on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The “Road Trip” in Rhode Island includes a hospital visit at Rhode Island Hospital on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Women & Infants on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional events in the Ocean State include:

- “Good Night Lights” outside Women’s & Infants Hospital at the Eddy Street Parking Lot on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to say good night to pediatric patients by flashing lights.
- Hop Over fundraiser at [Ravenous Brewing Company](#) in Cumberland, Rhode Island on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (*Open to the public; tickets available [here](#)*).
- Dinner at [Wright’s Farm Restaurant](#) in Burrillville, Rhode Island on March 30<sup>th</sup> (*Media invited to Food Security Program press conference at 5:00 p.m.*).
- Trivia Night at [Audrey’s Coffee House & Lounge](#) in South Kingstown, Rhode Island on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (*Open to the public*).
- Team JAF to participate in the [Newport Night Run](#) on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (*Team is available for media interviews*).

The Road Trip will continue in Massachusetts (May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>), Vermont (June 21<sup>st</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>), Maine (August 14<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>), New Hampshire (September 11<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>), and Connecticut (November 13<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>).

“We are so proud to have reached this milestone,” said Joe Andruzzi, Co-Founder and Chief Engagement Officer, Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF). “During my own battle with cancer, our eyes were opened to the many struggles cancer patients face, beyond the diagnosis and treatment, specifically with finances. We started the Foundation to help remove some of the financial barriers that can prevent those with cancer from completing or sometimes even starting potentially life-saving treatment, because the costs force them to choose between paying for a prescription or paying their utilities or rent. That is a choice no one should have to make, and we’re committed to helping New England families.”

“On the occasion of our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Joe and I felt it was important to visit personally with our community and share the additional resources and support the Foundation has created,” said Jen Andruzzi, President and

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CEO, Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF). “We are eager to visit with our healthcare partners to ensure our programs are targeting the needs of the cancer patients they serve.”

In 2022 alone, more than \$1 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. Since 2008, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation has been able to grant over \$9 million in support to thousands of cancer patients and their families across New England. Since the Foundation’s inception, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation has provided more than \$750,000 to Rhode Island cancer patients and their family members.

**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](http://joeandruzzifoundation.org) or [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages.

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