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## **The Joe Andruzzi Foundation and Local Families Kick-off 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Road Trip in Massachusetts at WooSox Game**

*12 JAF patient recipients and families join Joe Andruzzi for WooSox Game*

**North Attleboro, MA - (May 25, 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's needed most, hosted 12 of its patients and their families at **the Worcester Red Sox baseball game at Polar Park Stadium in Worcester, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, kicking off the Massachusetts leg of the Foundation's 15th anniversary Road Trip. The Road Trip began in March in Rhode Island.**

Three-time Super Bowl champion, former New England Patriot and **JAF Chief Engagement Officer Joe Andruzzi** was on hand at the (Up)Beat event, which allows patients and their families to spend time away from treatment and enjoy special occasions, experiences, and outings.

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 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.

**Photo 1:** Joe Andruzzi, Chief Engagement Officer, Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) poses with Worcester Red Sox mascot, Smiley, during the WooSox game against the Lehigh Valley IronPigs on Sunday, May 21st.

**Photo 2:** Joe Andruzzi, Chief Engagement Officer, Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) and JAF patient recipient, Jose Ortiz after throwing the opening pitch on May 21st.

**Photo 3:** JAF patient recipient, Luane Desimone and her family with Joe Andruzzi, Chief Engagement Officer (JAF) at the WooSox game on Sunday, May 21st.

**Photo 4:** Joe Andruzzi Foundation Chief Engagement Officer, Joe Andruzzi, signed autographs and took photos with fans at the WooSox baseball game on May 21st at Polar Park Stadium.

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

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