

JEN ANDRUZZI

CO- FOUNDER , PRESIDENT, AND 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 15 years, JAF has been a leader in the New England cancer community. Since the organization was founded, JAF has awarded more than \$10 million in financial assistance grants to over 40,000 New England cancer patients and their families removing financial barriers to that cancer patients can access and complete treatment.

Jen works closely with JAF's partners at over 100 facilities throughout New England. Jen created the JAF Healthcare Council in 2020 – a taskforce dedicated to understanding the underlying issues of cancer related financial toxicity and helping JAF find long-term solutions to help patients and families. Jen and the Foundation will continue their innovation in 2023 by launching a transformational resource tool for the oncology community that will further streamline access to resources and financial help.

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. Jen, together with Joe, was featured on the cover of Boston Man Magazine in 2023 in celebration of the Foundation's 15th Anniversary and recognizing their commitment to cancer patients.

When not advocating on behalf of cancer patients, you will likely find Jen "on the move". While veteran runner for "Team JAF" (she completed Boston Marathon three times, Falmouth Road Race five times), she can be found traveling New England throughout 2023 as part of the Foundation's 15th Anniversary Road Trip to meet with healthcare partners and patients. Jen is also kept quite busy with Joe as they raise their five children (and four dogs!) in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

