

About The Foundation

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation (JAF) 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. JAF supports cancer patients of any age, any type of cancer in active treatment living in New England.

Through the distribution of grants and gift cards, the Foundation covers basic non-medical needs that patients and caregivers impacted by cancer often find themselves unable to afford including housing, utilities, food, and transportation. With the help of social workers and patient navigators at more than 100 hospitals throughout New England, JAF is able to identify cancer patients in need of assistance.

JAF believes that sometimes laughter and relaxation can be the best medicine and can help families forget the burdens of treatment if only for a day. The Foundation's (Up)Beat Events are opportunities for patients and families to come together for fun outings and activities together.

How JAF Helps - Assistance Programs



- Financial Assistance
- Food Security
- Treatment Transportation
- Extraordinary Needs
- (Up)Beat Events
- UniCORN (Universal Community Oncology Support Network)

Financial Toxicity/ Cost of Cancer

Financial Toxicity: "The harmful effect of the high cost of treatment on a person's quality of life."

JAF's Goal: Remove financial barriers for cancer patients so they are able to access and complete medical treatment and care. Also, reduce the effects Financial Toxicity/Cost of Cancer during a patient's cancer journey to lessen emotional stress and improve medical outcomes.

50%

of patients experience financial distress

42%

of patients deplete their life savings within two years of treatment

20%

(1 in 5) cancer patients didn't pay a household bill so they could pay for treatment

25%

of patients didn't start or cancelled their treatment because of cost

JAF's Impact Since 2008

Distributed more than **\$13.7 Million** cancer patients and their families in New England.

Assisted **50,000+** cancer patients and their families.

JAF's Impact in 2025

More than **\$1.1 Million** granted

More than **\$280,000** granted in Food Security Grants

More than **\$620,000** in Financial Assistance helping with housing, utilities, and car payments

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About Us

JAF was founded in 2008 by 3x Super Bowl Champion and former New England Patriot Joe Andruzzi and his wife, Jen, after Joe's personal cancer journey with non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's lymphoma. The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

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