

ABOUT JOE ANDRUZZI FOUNDATION

Mission

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.

History

Founded by former New England Patriots three-time Super Bowl-winning offensive guard Joe Andruzzi and his wife Jen in 2008, the Joe Andruzzi Foundation grew out of Joe's own successful battle with cancer and the couple's work with young cancer patients.

In 2007, Joe was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's lymphoma, ending his football career. Joe remains cancer free today, but a new passion grew from his own cancer experience: helping other patients and their families. After witnessing first-hand, the stress cancer can cause, Joe and Jen created a foundation to help cancer patients and their families meet life's day-to-day challenges.

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation provides financial assistance to patients and families residing in New England, helping them focus on recovery – not bills. The Foundation had also previously funded research at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), building on the Andruzzis' longstanding commitment to beat cancer. In 2003, before cancer struck their own family, Joe and Jen founded the C.J. Buckley Pediatric Brain Cancer Research Fund at BCH in memory of a young friend – C.J. Buckley – who lost his battle with brain cancer months after meeting the Andruzzis. Over the years, JAF contributed \$850,000 to the fund.

Today, the Foundation strives to keep families positive through its "(Up)Beat Cancer" initiative, organizing family outings and visits with New England's professional athletes. The Foundation believes that sometimes laughter can be the best medicine and aims to help families forget the burdens of a diagnosis through fun, laughter, and good times.

Financial Assistance Program Funds Disbursed

- 2009: \$10,000
- 2010: \$22,000
- 2011: \$101,000
- 2012: \$232,000
- 2013: \$574,000
- 2014: \$938,000
- 2015: \$1,051,000
- 2016: \$978,000
- 2017: \$1,055,000

By the Numbers

- Patients & families helped: 9,000+

