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Quarterly Insight into the Progress and Philanthropy of Kraft Sports + Entertainment



# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## FOUNDERS DAY FUN

Mac Jones, David Andrews and more join in celebration

From concerts to Patriots training camp and everything in between, there are a lot of exciting events happening within the friendly confines of One Patriot Place. But the Foxborough fun doesn't stop there.

June also brings Founders Day, complete with a parade, festivities at the Booth Field, live music and a fireworks display to celebrate the Foxborough community. Each year, Partners in Patriotism and the Patriots share in the celebration with players, Pat Patriot and the Patriots cheerleaders turning out to ride on a float in the parade, greet residents and more.

This year was no different, as Mac Jones, David Andrews, Bailey Zappe, Cole Strange, Calvin Munson and Scotty Washington joined Foxborough Fire on a fire truck alongside Pat and the cheerleaders. As the truck rolled through town, the squad greeted thousands of residents, with more than a fair share of those in attendance donning Pats gear.

"The fact that the Patriots organization takes the time to participate and recognize Founders Day is so impactful," said Monica Fisler, who has served as chair for the Founders Day Parade since 2009

and lived in town for 19 years. "For those who aren't able to get to a game, it gives them a sense of pride for their hometown heroes. When you asked people what their favorite part was, they mentioned

the fact that the players were on the fire truck. They loved that they got to see them."

Founders Day is a culmination of nine months of planning and hard work from a group of residents who volunteer their time to make the day a fitting celebration for the 02035. Thanks to their tireless

dedication and planning around the clock, Founders Day never fails to deliver. The Partners in Patriotism Fund was happy to help support these efforts, granting \$3,000 toward the cost of the fireworks for the event, which put a fitting final flourish on a memorable day each year.

"From start to finish, it's an amazing day," Fisler said. "Although we are a small committee, we do this because of what it means to the town. It's a lot of work, but when the day comes and everything comes together, it's all about the smiles on people's faces. Thank you to Partners in Patriotism and the Kraft organization for partnering with us to make this a successful day and adding the 'wow' factor!"



## TROPHY TALK

Foxborough and championships just go together. The Foxborough High School girls varsity basketball team has taken home several titles of its own, capturing three Division 2 state crowns in the last six seasons, all under the leadership of head coach and 45-year resident Lisa Downs. To celebrate their latest title, Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft called Coach Downs to personally invite her and her team for a special visit to Gillette Stadium.

"When I answered that call and heard Mr. Kraft on the other end, it definitely took me a minute to wrap my mind around it," Downs said. "He congratulated us and spoke about the significance of a team from Foxborough winning not just this year's state championship, but several others."

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## CHAMPS: Kraft family welcomes girls basketball team to Gillette Stadium to celebrate state title

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“Mr. Kraft shared that he’s a huge supporter of women’s sports, and it made him proud to hear about our continued success.”

Kraft hosted the defending champs for a special visit in the trophy room, gifting them custom team hats and joining them for photos alongside the Patriots’ six Super Bowl trophies and rings. Once they soaked in their championship moment in the trophy room, the team headed to the stadium field for photos, a game of catch and to see a special congratulations message displayed on the scoreboard. After a long season of hard work and dedication culminated in a 73-53 win over Dracut in the state championship game, the team reveled in the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishment in style at Gillette Stadium. Senior co-captain and shooting guard Maddie Maher called the day a “once-in-a-lifetime experience” and reflected on what the opportunity meant to her

as both a player and a lifelong Foxborough resident.

“It meant the world to us to be recognized by such a prestigious organization for our accomplishments,” Maher said. “Being invited to the stadium showed us how our success was bigger than just ourselves. I am beyond appreciative of the generosity of Mr. Kraft and the stadium for their time and effort to make this happen for us.”

One of Maher’s fellow captains, lifelong resident and junior guard Camryn Collins, echoed her appreciation for the experience.

“I was extremely excited and glad to be able to go and see Mr. Kraft supporting women’s sports,” Collins said. “It meant so much on behalf of our team and coaching staff because we got to see how big of a support system we have. I really appreciated the whole trip and the efforts of Mr. Kraft and the organization to put everything together to welcome and congratulate us.”

Slated to be a captain next



season, 10-year resident and junior shooting guard Erin Foley pointed to visiting the trophy room and receiving customized Patriots hats from Kraft as two highlights from the visit.

“We were all super excited and couldn’t wait to meet [Kraft],” Foley said. “It was an incredible honor to be recognized by such a large organization at such a nice stadium with my teammates and coaches.”

This year’s visit marked the second time Kraft has

welcomed the team to Gillette Stadium to celebrate a state title. Downs points to the experience as a great reminder of the many ways hard work can pay off.

“The support from the Kraft family and the opportunity to celebrate at Gillette Stadium was such an added bonus feature to our successful season,” Downs said. “I am a Foxborough ‘townie’ and knowing that we have such support from this generous organization makes me extremely proud.”

## Two concerts, PLL Quarterfinals added to loaded summer

The announcements just keep coming for Gillette Stadium’s record-breaking summer. After last quarter’s newly added Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band show pushed the summer total to a venue-record 10 shows, recent announcements of a second Luke Combs show and a newly added Karol G concert bring the updated tally to an unprecedented 12 concerts.

First up, to meet the demand of his New England fanbase, Combs

added a second show at Gillette Stadium, making his debut at the home of the Patriots on July 21 & 22 as part of his 2023 World Tour. The country superstar was joined in Foxborough by special guests including The Avett Brothers, Riley Green, Lainey Wilson and more throughout the weekend.

Global superstar Karol G will then make her Gillette Stadium debut on Sept. 28 as part of her Mañana Será Bonito Stadium Tour. The multi-platinum global

recording artist and international pop culture icon recently became the first female artist to reach #1 on the Billboard Top 200 with a Spanish-language album and will now become the first Spanish-language artist to headline the home of the Patriots and Revolution when she takes the stage this fall. Tickets are still available at Ticketmaster.com.

Additionally, the Premier Lacrosse League has announced the schedule for the 2023 playoff

quarterfinals. For the second consecutive season, Gillette Stadium will host three single elimination quarterfinal matchups, as teams kick off their quest for the 2023 PLL Championship on Sept. 4. The quarterfinals will get underway with the first game at 11:45 a.m., followed by a game at 2:20 p.m., before a 5 p.m. matchup rounds out the triple-header. Tickets for the single-elimination showdowns are on sale at PremierLacrosseLeague.com/Boston.

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## FHS Students Design Concert Series Mural at Patriot Place

It's a record-breaking Gillette Stadium Concert Series presented by Dunkin', and such an occasion calls for something special. Ahead of the summer slate, Patriot Place Director of Marketing and lifelong Foxborough resident Diana Griffin enlisted the help of local burgeoning artists to help commemorate a notable summer in the 02035. Griffin and the Patriot Place team didn't have to look far, reaching out to the Foxborough High School art department with the opportunity to design a mural encapsulating the 2023 Concert Series to be displayed at Patriot Place all summer long.

FHS' Graphic Design 2 and Senior Inc. art classes met the challenge head-on under the guidance of Kelly Arcacha, K-12 art department head and an art teacher with Foxborough Public Schools for more than 20 years. Led by Arcacha, the students each created a mural design using the design thinking process.

The students began the process with definition, where they consulted with staff from Patriot Place and outlined the project's requirements. Next up was ideation, where the students conducted research and selected a color palette, layout and fonts for



the mural. As the students designed their digital murals, they drew inspiration from a playlist of music from the artists performing at Gillette Stadium this summer.

The team at Patriot Place then evaluated the students' mural submissions, voting on the design that they felt best represented the upcoming concert season. The winning mural, designed by FHS junior and National Art Honor Society member Lydia Stone, is now on display in Patriot Place's North Marketplace for guests to enjoy and take photos with all summer long.

"Seeing Lydia's design printed along the North Marketplace was and continues to be surreal," Arcacha said. "We were incredibly fortunate to be able to experience the piece together as a class, on a field trip to Patriot Place and the look of awe in the students' eyes seeing something they watched being designed on the computer out in the world is something I'll always remember."

Patriot Place and the art department are longtime partners, dating back to 2013 through the Foxborough Street Painting Festival hosted annually at Patriot Place, and this latest project was just another shining example of this winning partnership.

"I am incredibly grateful to Diana and Patriot Place for this amazing opportunity for our students," Arcacha said. "One of the students mentioned how they didn't know if they would've ever been able to do something like this if they didn't go to FHS. I agree; there is something remarkably special about Foxborough and the support of this community."



### FACES OF FOXBOROUGH FALEEHAH DAM

From meeting Patriots players during classroom visits to hearing music from concerts at Gillette Stadium in her own backyard, lifelong resident Faleehah Dam has firsthand experience with Kraft Sports + Entertainment's presence in the Foxborough community. Now a community relations intern with the Patriots Foundation, Dam shares these unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities with other Foxborough residents.

"The best thing about Foxborough is the sense of community here," Dam said. "It motivates us all to be better and serve our community in many ways, big and small."

Dam earned this opportunity through Project 351, a community service organization that partners with the Patriots Foundation as part of its mission to empower



youth-led service opportunities. With the Patriots Foundation, Dam's responsibilities include guiding alumni players to visit fans during games and escorting fans during field visits. Through her work, Dam provides game attendees with unforgettable experiences that they will remember for years to come.

"My favorite thing about working for the Patriots Foundation is the game days. The excitement, both on and off the field, is contagious," Dam said. "In just one season, I have learned valuable lessons in leadership and organization, and I plan to apply those to my work this upcoming season and grow even more."

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## PATRIOT PLACE NEWS

# Legendary Bar The Harp Opens Second Location at Patriot Place

The Harp, a legendary Boston bar, officially opened its newest location at Patriot Place earlier this summer.

Operated by Briar Group (Six String Grill & Stage, Hurricane's at the Garden, Ned Devine's and more), the second iteration of The Harp brings the same love for Boston sports, comfort food favorites and buzzing atmosphere with a refreshed look to Foxborough. The Patriot Place location delivers all the energy and neighborhood feel of The Harp's first location on Causeway Street, with the added offering of an expansive outdoor patio and bar space boasting soaring views of Gillette Stadium.

The Harp takes game day seriously: One whole wall is dedicated to housing a 35-foot TV screen, which serves as the focal point of the space. Several large TVs also surround the dining room and bar area, creating an unbeatable atmosphere for sports fans. The menu features a robust spread of shareable appetizers, seasonal salads, sandwiches, burgers and substantial entrees that pair perfectly with a refreshing cocktail or cold draft beer, making The Harp the perfect spot for game days, event days and everything in between. Apart from game days and upbeat concerts, The Harp plans on hosting a bustling schedule of special events and promo-

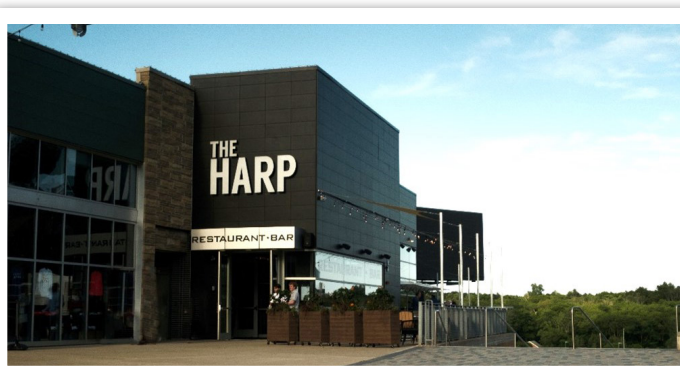
tions, offering year-round activities for all to enjoy. The space also features semi-private event spaces and a private dining room for 20 guests that takes full advantage of the stadium views.

"It's a wonderful feeling to welcome guests through the doors," says Briar Group's CEO, Austin O'Connor.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the Foxborough community with the same passion and dedication as we have in Boston for 30 years."

"We're thrilled to officially welcome The Harp to the Patriot Place family," said Brian Earley, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place. "This newest Patriot Place sports and dining destination delivers the incredible food, drinks and passion for Boston sports that has become synonymous with The Harp Boston over the past 30 years, paired with unparalleled views of Gillette Stadium, an incredible outdoor patio and bar space, and an unbeatable atmosphere for game day, concert night and everything in between. We look forward to sharing everything The Harp has to offer with our guests."

The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. To learn more, visit [theharp.com](http://theharp.com) and @HarpFoxborough on Instagram and Facebook.



## Crumbl Cookies and Crazy Axes Now Open at Patriot Place

This latest quarter has marked the official opening of two exciting new Patriot Place tenants. First up, Crumbl Cookies is now open for business, bringing their sweet treats and signature pink box to the heart of Patriot Place. Located at 22 Patriot Place adjacent to Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Crumbl features six weekly rotating flavors from more than 275 delicious options, providing cookie connoisseurs with everything they need to satisfy their sweet tooth. The store is open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. until 12 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. Delivery, curbside pickup, catering and nationwide shipping are also available via the

Crumbl app and online at [crumblcookies.com](http://crumblcookies.com).

Crazy Axes also celebrated their grand opening this summer, bringing their recreational axe-throwing destination to Patriot Place. The new facility features 14 throwing lanes and a four-target VIP range on the



upper level. Each lane comes equipped with a coach to help guide participants on proper throwing techniques and maintain a safe environment. In addition to recreational axe throwing for novices, Crazy Axes will also host competitive events for more experienced throwers to see how they measure up against the competition.

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## PIP Fund and Kraft Family Announce 2023 PIP Scholarship Recipients

The Kraft family and Partners in Patriotism (PIP) Fund recently announced the five seniors from Foxborough's Class of 2023 who have been named PIP Scholarship recipients for their outstanding performance and community impact both inside and outside of the classroom. Out of a pool of 48 applicants, Foxborough High School graduates Casey Dahl, Payton Francis, Lauren Lavallee, Dan O'Malley and Peter Souaiden were selected to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship to recognize their contributions to the Foxborough community and their athletic and academic accomplishments. Since 2018, the Partners in Patriotism Fund has awarded a total of \$150,000 to graduating Foxborough seniors who demonstrate good character, high integrity, respect and a dedication to community service.

**Dahl** was a standout leader at FHS as captain of the indoor and outdoor varsity track and cross-country teams, president of the Stock Trading and Best Buddies Clubs and vice president of DECA. Dahl's impressive list of extracurricular activities also included the National Honor Society, World Language Club, Spanish National Honor Society and Link Crew. Dahl will attend Bentley



Casey Dahl

University in the fall to pursue a degree in finance.

"As someone who has grown up in Foxborough, I have loved giving my time to support different organizations in town that have supported me," Dahl said. "It is a huge honor to receive the generous PIP Scholarship and be recognized for my service and achievements."

**Francis** was an accomplished student, volunteer and athlete at FHS. His achievements included serving as captain of the varsity football



Payton Francis

team, camp counselor at the Foxborough YMCA and as an integral member of both the SADD Club and Link Crew. Francis also spent much of his free time volunteering, contributing to Clean-Up Foxborough Day, New Hope Inc., Foxborough Veteran Services and local animal shelters. Francis will attend Bates College in the fall.

"It's a great honor to be a recipient of the PIP Scholarship and it truly means a lot to me to be recognized," Francis said. "Receiving this scholarship will help me to continue to improve myself in the future and continue to have a positive impact on my community."

**Lavallee** was a distinguished student, athlete



Lauren Lavallee

and musician at FHS. A four-year member of the winter track and field team and three-year choir section leader, Lavallee also thrived in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society and French National Honor Society. In her free time, Lavallee volunteered as a youth soccer coach and religious education teacher. She will attend the University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in neuroscience.

"I was very excited to be recognized for my work in the community as it's something that I'm extremely passionate about," Lavallee said. "I love my town and am always happy to give back to programs that have helped me throughout my life. This scholarship is something that I am incredibly grateful for."

**O'Malley** was a strong student at FHS as a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Science Honor Society. Outside



Dan O'Malley

of the classroom, O'Malley was a member of DECA, Community Warriors, Best Buddies and the Interact Club, as well as an indoor and outdoor track captain. His efforts also extended to volunteerism, helping out at the Mansfield Animal Shelter, St. Mary's Parish and the Foxborough Community Farm Stand. He will attend Cornell University to pursue a degree

in mechanical engineering.

"To be recognized by an organization that upholds strong values of service and community involvement is a true honor," O'Malley said. "Having lived in Foxborough my whole life, I'm proud to reflect on the positive impact I've had on my community and all of the hard work I've put in throughout the years."

**Souaiden** was a three-sport athlete at FHS as a member of the ice hockey, lacrosse and golf teams. Off the field, Souaiden was



Peter Souaiden

a talented percussionist for the FHS Concert & Marching Band. Souaiden also contributed to volunteer efforts at Boston Children's Hospital, St. Theresa Church, Westside Group and as a coach for local youth ice hockey programs. Souaiden will attend Bridgewater State University to pursue a degree in business.

"Receiving the PIP Scholarship and being recognized for my efforts and the positive impact I have made brings me a great sense of pride," Souaiden said. "The PIP Scholarship has not only lightened my financial load but has also served as a motivation for me to give back to society in meaningful ways. I hope to continue to contribute to the community and encourage others to do the same."

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## Foxborough Working Mothers Enjoy Gillette Stadium Brunch

The saying goes that parenting is a full-time job. Pair that with a career as a second full-time job and it can be hard to find the time for anything else. Earlier this spring, a group of residents who juggle both on a daily basis enjoyed some much-deserved time for themselves. The Kraft family welcomed members of the Foxborough Working Mothers group to Gillette Stadium for a special brunch to connect, share their stories and celebrate their accomplishments with one another (and maybe enjoy a mimosa or two).

Founded in 2016 by Carolyn Cahill and Sarah Caracciolo, Foxborough Working Mothers is a Facebook group made up of 1,800 mothers. The community provides members with a space to lend support and guidance to one another as they navigate motherhood and professional life. This support went from online to real life, as over 150 working moms gathered to enjoy a complimentary meal, mingle and hear from four speakers from the group, who discussed the importance of self-care, work-life balance and reaching out for help.

After building this online community, lifelong Foxborough resident and co-founder Caracciolo pointed to being able to bring it offline and connect with members face-to-face at an iconic setting like Gillette Stadium as a huge highlight.

"This was a tribute to working moms. To have it in our backyard at the home of our beloved Patriots was an amazing piece to bring it all together," Caracciolo

said. "We drive by Gillette Stadium every single day, yet we looked like a bunch of giddy tourists because that day was about us as working moms. To be guests of honor at Gillette Stadium made this an unparalleled event."

The moms in attendance shared in Caracciolo's appreciation for the event and the group, pointing to the brunch as a perfect way to commemorate Foxborough's working moms.

"What a way to celebrate great women in a great town. We all felt seen and appreciated," said 11-year resident Carrie Weston. "There's so much good information shared and it's such a supportive and caring environment."

As Weston mentioned, one of the group's benchmarks is members sharing their own experiences and insights to help others. The brunch continued this theme as four working moms took the time to address the group on a variety of topics. For 23-year resident Sarah LiDonni, hearing from these speakers stood out as a highlight of the event.

"The speakers really just struck me right in the heart," LiDonni said. "Being able to go up in front of your peers and have that amount of bravery and courage – it's amazing how real, genuine and honest all the women in the room were."

"We cannot thank the Kraft family and the New England Patriots enough," Caracciolo concluded. "This day was a gift, and one we will simply never forget. Our gratitude is beyond words."

# FOOT

For Foxborough resident Mike Sandler and his brother Scott, the Patriots are in their blood, passed down from generation to generation dating back to when the team was founded in 1960. With these decades of dedication, it's only fitting that the Sandler family is our latest Season Ticket Member Spotlight. The family first moved to town in 2001, a move Mike partially attributes to a desire to be closer to the stadium and the team. But the family's lifelong love for the Pats far predates the move to town, dating back to their late grandfather, who they affectionately refer to as "Papa Joe."

Papa Joe was in on the team from the beginning, grabbing season tickets in 1960 and instilling a love of football in his son, and Mike and Scott's father, Frank "Frankie Football" Sandler. As soon as the team made the permanent move to Foxborough in 1971, Frank leapt at the chance to get his own season tickets, which have stayed in the family ever since.

"Because of his dad, he wanted to have that same thing with his boys," Mike said. "Now we want to have that same thing with the next generation. It's a family tradition that gets us all together and keeps us all together."

This family tradition has the added benefit of six Super Bowl trophies and countless memories over the years. The Sandlers started out with four seats but five fans between Joe, Frank, Mike, Scott and their other brother Brian, necessitating a rotation between the brothers that would occasionally end in tears if a big game was on the line. Now the family has six seats in Section 134, allowing Mike to continue the tradition with his own children. The Sandler brothers first started to go to games when they were six years old, with Frank toting a crate into games for the boys to sit on so they could see the field. From crates to championships: as the decades passed and the team rose the NFL ranks, the Sandlers were there every step of the way. When the Pats made Super Bowl XXXVI in 2001, there was no way they were missing it. Frank was able to secure a pair of tickets, with Scott getting to go alongside his dad after a flip of a coin went his way. But while Papa Joe, Mike and the rest of the family weren't there in person, they certainly were in spirit. After Joe got older and could no longer make it to the stadium for games, the rest of the family began a tradition of calling him from the tailgate before each game. This phone call carried on to the Super Bowl, with Scott and Frank hunting down a pay phone after Adam Vinatieri's clinching kick sailed through the uprights to share in the joy of the team's first title with Joe and Mike.

"As soon as the ball went through those goal posts, that was my first call," Mike said. "That call for me was as special as the game, if not more. It all comes down to Papa Joe starting everything. He still lives on today."

That 2001 title kicked off an unprecedented run of success, with the Sandlers enjoying a front-row seat to all of it. Whenever the Patriots made the Super Bowl, odds were

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# 'BALL FAMILY

that the Sandlers were there too, with Frank attending six, Scott five and Mike four. All in all, the brothers estimate a Sandler has been in the building for 90% of all Patriots home games in history. Even through years when the team underperformed, a love for the team and each other kept them coming back.

"It's the New England way. We don't give up," Mike said. "Being together is a big reason too. We didn't have to worry about seeing each other because we always knew we would."

"We're a close family," added Scott. "Football was something we knew we could do together, and we'd always be there every Sunday. Papa Joe got it started, he was a character, and as the patriarch of the family, everyone looked up to him."

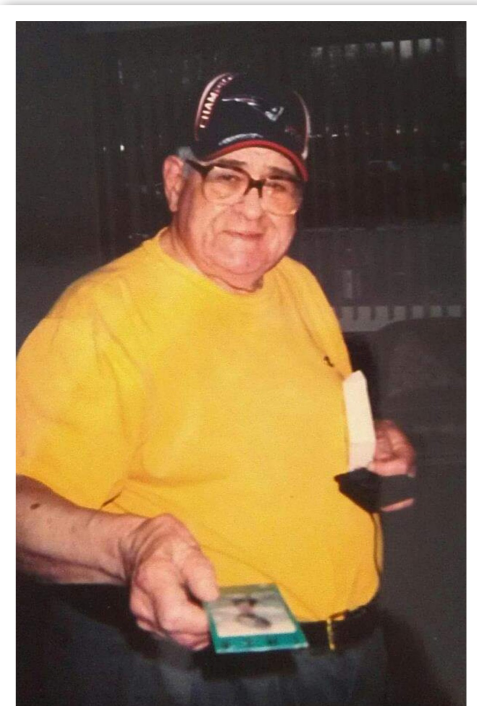
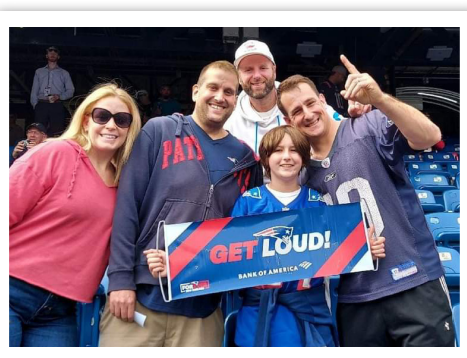
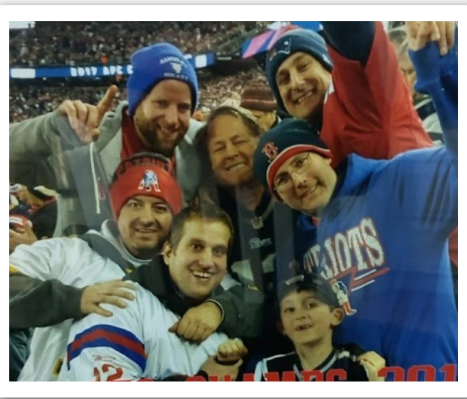
As the years went on, things changed but the family's passion for the Pats and love for going to games together stayed the same. Joe passed away in 2007, but the family relished the opportunity to share three Super Bowl titles with him, as well as the chance to experience a game with him in a brand-new Gillette Stadium after years of taking in the action from Foxboro Stadium. In 2015, Mike moved back to Foxborough to start his family, raising his kids in the shadow of the stadium he had spent so many Sundays before. Then in 2021, Frank passed away, leaving behind a lasting legacy of family and football. Frank's super fandom and years of dedication to the team are commemorated with a display in the Patriots Hall of Fame presented by Raytheon Technologies and live on even more so in his family. When Frank passed away, Mike officially put the tickets in his name, but they continue to be shared and enjoyed by generations of Sandlers each season.

"Since the tickets were passed on to me, I have a plaque that says 'Michael Sandler, Season Ticket Member since 1971,' which means I've been a season ticket holder for negative 13 years, which is pretty cool to say," Mike said. "Foxborough and the community here mean a lot to us. The Patriots are a huge reason too. It keeps us together and it's something we want the younger generation to enjoy as much as we did growing up."

Every football season brings its fair share of uncertainties. But come Aug. 10 when the Pats open their preseason at Gillette Stadium against the Houston Texans, you can know one thing for sure: the Sandler family will be there ready for another season.



Mike (left), Frank (middle) and Scott (right) at a Season Ticket Member event following the Pats' fifth Super Bowl win.



Joe "Papa Joe" Sandler instilled a love of the Patriots in his family, becoming an original Boston Patriots STM in 1960.

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## PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM FUND

# A Lasting Legacy: PIP Fund Continues Community Support

### FOX-IN-THE-BORO FOXES UNVEILED THROUGHOUT TOWN

After a year-long process that went from idea to prototype to final works of art, the Fox-In-The-Boro art installation has come to life throughout town. This colorful outdoor art display was organized by the Foxborough Cultural Council and features five larger-than-life foxes, each painted by a local artist and displayed throughout Foxborough's uptown. This new installation will both promote the arts and serve as a fundraiser for the Cultural Council, as each fox will be auctioned off after two years, with all proceeds going to support future art projects and events in the Foxborough community.

The PIP Fund played a key role in this process, granting the Cultural Council \$7,550 for the initial prototype that got the project underway. From there, the continued support of the Foxborough community helped cover the remaining cost to bring the fox sculptures to life.

"To me personally, it's really important that these philanthropic arms of large institutions like the Patriots support these communities they call home," said Tiffany Elliott, a member of the Cultural Council and spokesperson for the Fox-in-the-Boro project. "I'm a very mission-driven individual and I work and volunteer to help society as a whole, and if that help is needed in my own backyard, then I'll roll up my sleeves and we'll get it done. I feel like the Patriots do that same thing within the community."

Each fox was unveiled in a special ceremony at the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center



The PIP Fund granted \$7,000 to Foxboro Recreation for new pickleball courts, which opened earlier this summer.

earlier this summer and are now displayed throughout town for all to enjoy. The PIP Fund was happy to be a part of this project and help put the fox in Foxborough!

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP 82350 RECEIVES \$500 FOR SCHOOL ON WHEELS PROJECT

The PIP Fund granted Girl Scout Troop 82350 \$500 toward the purchase of backpacks and school supplies for the troop's School on Wheels school supplies drive. Each of the 12 scouts in the troop collected school supplies from the community to fill these backpacks, which were then donated to homeless children throughout Massachusetts. Every year,

School on Wheels donates over 8,000 backpacks to these children in need, and Troop 82350 has supported these efforts for each of the past two years.

### PIP FUND SUPPORTS ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY EVENTS WITH \$2,450 GRANT

Each year, local parents plan events for Foxborough's graduating seniors to give them the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments as a class before heading on to college and other post-grad pursuits. Among this year's events was the senior barbecue, gathering the grade after graduation rehearsal to enjoy lunch, play games on the turf field and sign yearbooks. The PIP Fund helped support

this year's event with a grant of \$2,450 to cover the rental cost of a nine-hole mini golf course, giant human foosball game and an open air photo booth for the seniors to enjoy.

### FOUNDERS DAY GRANTED \$3,000 FOR FIREWORKS

Foxborough Founders Day is renowned by residents for its celebration of town pride and bringing the community together for a full day of fun, starting with a parade and culminating each year with a dazzling fireworks display. The PIP Fund was proud to support this volunteer-driven event with a grant of \$3,000 to help cover the cost of the fireworks, a fitting finale to a great day in our town.





# Request for Donation

### Partners in Patriotism Fund

The Partners in Patriotism (PIP) Fund is a registered nonprofit organization committed to supporting Foxborough-based groups and organizations that make a positive, lasting impact in the Town of Foxborough. The PIP Fund assists groups, organizations, individuals and philanthropic projects that benefit or improve the quality of life in the Town of Foxborough. The PIP Fund Grants Committee meets monthly to review grant applications in the order they are received.

Our community grants are intended to support philanthropic, charitable and humanitarian efforts of Foxborough nonprofits, organizations, civic and community groups that directly benefit the Town of Foxborough. The Fund does not fulfill sponsorship requests or projects, programs and events that do not have a direct benefit to the Town of Foxborough.

A portion of our funds also serve as a means of financial assistance to Foxborough residents who experience an unexpected emergency or loss. These personal assistance grants are intended to provide recipients with permanent financial solutions following an unexpected loss or sudden emergency that has drastically impacted the applicant's financial situation.

**Every line of this form must be completed accurately and your need for funding must be stated clearly in order to be considered for review. Please attach support documentation and additional typed pages to this application as needed. For more information, visit [www.GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism](http://www.GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism)**

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**NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE FUNDING IS NEEDED (Be specific):** \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUEST INFORMATION

**Please provide a detailed summary of your request, including the need for funding and a breakdown of estimated expenses. Please feel free to also attach supporting documents and additional pages to the application that will share your story and assist the Grants Committee in assessing your request.**

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*If this request is approved, are you willing to share this news publicly via local media? Note, your response has no bearing on whether this application is approved.*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**By submitting this form to the Partners in Patriotism Fund, you acknowledge that the Fund may request to review and verify certain information, including financial information, with regards to your request.**

**Mailing address:** Partners in Patriotism Fund, One Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035  
**Or scan and email to:** [PIPFund@Patriots.com](mailto:PIPFund@Patriots.com)

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## Celebrating Our Latest Noteworthy Neighbors

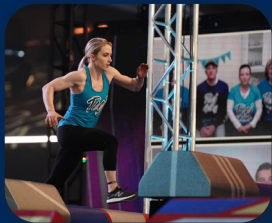
A #NoteworthyNeighbor embodies Foxborough's giving spirit and community connectivity through their good deeds and commitment to serving others. The Noteworthy Neighbors featured during the past quarter\* include:

- **Peter Walsh**, who raised \$1,000 at a benefit concert for a former classmate who lost her home in a fire;
- **Kerri Fitzgerald**, who created an art exhibit based on her experience as a zookeeper;
- **Emma Brelsford**, a librarian at the Boyden Library who provides educational programming for local children;
- **Jesse Shaw**, a woodworker who is transforming Foxborough's former Paine School into a woodshop;
- **Christina LaRose**, a community response social worker who helps public safety officials aid individuals experiencing mental health crises;
- **Dilayla Morabito**, who travels to Panama annually to provide dental care for children in need;
- **Sarah LiDonni**, a school committee member who is passionate about providing opportunity through education;
- **Kristy Yankee**, a former school administrator who



encourages work-life balance in her podcast, "Y Not?";

- **The FHS Girls Softball team**, who named local senior citizens as honorary teammates at their Senior Day home game;



- **Taylor Johnson**, a FHS grad who made her fifth appearance on NBC's "American Ninja Warrior;"

- **Mike Kominsky**, who volunteers for the Boy Scouts and Council on Aging;

- **Casey Dahl**, who was captain of the varsity indoor and outdoor track and cross-country teams and president of the Best Buddies and Stock Trading Clubs;



- **Payton Francis**, a stand-out athlete who volunteers at Foxborough Veteran Services and local animal shelters;

- **Matt Griffin**, who safely cleared a swarm of bees from the Gillette Stadium field before a Revolution match; and

- **Lauren Lavallee**, who volunteers as a youth soccer coach and religious education teacher.

If you would like to nominate a future #NoteworthyNeighbor, email us at [FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com](mailto:FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com), and check out @PIPFoxboro on Twitter and Partners in Patriotism on Facebook every Friday to see the latest honoree.

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## Senior Olympics Return to Gillette Stadium for Third Time

Each spring, local senior citizens have the opportunity to showcase their skills and enjoy some light-hearted competition at the Council on Aging's annual Senior Olympics.

Over a nine-day stretch, Foxborough seniors tested their mettle in a variety of activities including putting, darts, cornhole, Scrabble, softball toss, basketball free throws and a two-mile walk. The majority of the multi-day competition takes place at the Foxborough Council on Aging, but for the third year, Gillette Stadium served as a special host for a day of events.

This May, over 80 local seniors congregated on one of Gillette Stadium's practice fields for a morning full of fun. Participants competed in a

softball toss and two-mile walk, completing several laps around the perimeter of the practice field. Marc Craig, Director of Human Services for the Council on Aging & Human Services, pointed to the Senior Olympics as a great "gateway" program to get seniors involved at the senior center and shared how special it is for the group to have the opportunity to get active and socialize at the stadium each year.

"Seniors absolutely love the events, and they practice all year for the Olympics," Craig said. "I love the opportunity for seniors to get to be able to see the behind-the-scenes operations at Gillette Stadium and for them to experience the property all to themselves."



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## Pat Patriot and Cheerleaders Stop by Special Olympics

Earlier this summer, the first-ever Foxborough Special Olympics Field Day took place at the Sam Berns Community Field at Foxborough High School. Organized by resident, FHS wellness teacher and coach of the Unified Track Team Theresa Petty, the event featured 54 athletes, ranging in age from six to 21, coming together to compete in a variety of field-day games including a 50-yard assisted walk/run or 100-yard dash, a softball toss and turbo javelin throw.

Members of the Foxborough community includ-

ing the Foxborough Police Department, Personal Best Karate, 70 volunteers from FHS and local residents all pitched in to help put on this inclusive afternoon of community, activity and competition. Not wanting to miss out on the fun, Pat Patriot and the Patriots cheerleaders made a surprise appearance to cheer on the athletes, take photos and more. The inaugural Foxborough Special Olympics was an awesome celebration of everything that makes Foxborough great and we loved the chance to be a part of it.



## Patriots Pay Special Visit to SEMRECC

In celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW), Pat Patriot and the Patriots cheerleaders paid a special visit to the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communications Center (SEMRECC).

Located in Foxborough just down the street from Gillette Stadium, the SEMRECC serves Foxborough, Easton, Norton and Mansfield and has been the primary emergency services answering point for Bristol County, Foxborough Police/Fire, Easton Police/Fire, Mansfield Police/Fire and Norton Police/Fire since 2019. The 9-1-1 operations

center is responsible for tracking, logging and coordinating all aspects of an emergency response, playing an essential role in keeping our community safe.

As a small token of appreciation, Pat Patriot and the cheerleaders visited the SEMRECC toting pizza, wings and other treats courtesy of Patriot Place's own Bytes Restaurant. The squad wished their neighbors at the SEMRECC a happy National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and helped announce some much-deserved awards. Thank you to the SEMRECC for everything you do to keep our community safe.

## Foxborough Children Enjoy Special Monster Jam Storytime

Ahead of this year's Monster Jam at Gillette Stadium, Patriot Place and the Renaissance Boston Patriot Place Hotel welcomed dozens of Foxborough children and their families for a Monster Jam Storytime. Boyden Library's Emma Brelsford led the read-along and sing-along alongside special guest reader Tom Meents, driver of Monster Jam truck MAX-D.

"It was so much fun to meet Tom and read to the kids with him! He was able to be silly, informative and inspirational all at the same time," Brelsford said. "The kids thought it was very cool that he answered all of their questions about what it's like to be a monster truck driver, took photos with them and even signed autographs."

After a Monster Jam-packed afternoon full of monster truck-themed books and songs, everyone in attendance was surprised with free tickets to Monster Jam at Gillette Stadium, courtesy of the Kraft family and Feld Entertainment.

"We had such a great crowd with both the kids and adults singing along to the songs and listening intently to the books which shared the positive message of being confident and reaching for your dreams," Brelsford said. "Everyone who attended also received free tickets to Monster Jam that weekend, so there were lots of happy faces!"



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## RESIDENT PLAYBOOK

### WIN TICKETS TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN AND THE E STREET BAND!

Bruce is back in Foxborough and Kraft Sports + Entertainment is giving one lucky resident the chance to see the show! The winning resident will receive four (4) tickets and VIP parking to Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band's Aug. 26 performance at the home of the Patriots and Revolution. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famers will perform at Gillette Stadium for the first time since 2016 and sixth and seventh times overall when they take the stage in Foxborough this summer. Don't want to wait? Tickets are available for the Aug. 26 show at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).

Details on how to enter this exclusive resident offer can be found in the photo caption. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Must be age of maturity in jurisdiction of residence to enter.

### HOW TO WIN



To enter to win this Foxborough resident sweepstakes, please fill out the form located within the "Resident Playbook" section online at [GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism](https://GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism). One winner will be chosen at random and notified via email. The deadline to enter the sweepstakes is **August 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** For rules and regulations, visit [GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism](https://GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism).