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*Quarterly Insight into the Progress and Philanthropy of The Kraft Group*

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## IN THE COMMUNITY



*Patriots rookie defensive end Derek Rivers, left, reads "Let's Go, Patriots!" to nearly 200 children and parents at the Boyden Library on Nov. 6 with Patriots wide receiver Malcolm Mitchell cheering him on from the audience.*

## PATS SURPRISE, DELIGHT CHILDREN AT BOYDEN LIBRARY

The Patriots teamed up with the Boyden Library to host a special reading and autograph signing event for nearly 200 children and parents on Nov. 6.

Patriots' wide receiver Malcolm Mitchell and rookie defensive end Derek Rivers surprised the assembled crowd as the library's mystery readers for the day. Mitchell shared his story of discovering a love for reading in college and finding inspiration to write his own children's book, "The Magician's Hat."

"I learned in college that in order to be the best person I could possibly be, I had to read," Mitchell told the audience. "I had to work hard in school and I also had to find a love for reading that would help me accomplish my goals."

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## Find Partners in Patriotism on Social Media

Find Partners in Patriotism on Twitter by following @PIPFoxboro and on Facebook by liking "Partners in Patriotism." These accounts are dedicated to news and information important to the Foxborough community and provides the Kraft Group with another way to regularly engage with its neighbors.



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### *Patriot Place celebrates 10 years in Foxborough*

Ten years ago this past November, Patriot Place officially opened in Foxborough with the arrival of New England's first Bass Pro Shops along with retailers Christmas Tree Shops and Bed Bath & Beyond. A decade later, the lifestyle center has established itself as a premiere destination with more than 70 shopping, dining and entertainment options while delivering on the economic, lifestyle and cultural contributions to Foxborough and the region that the Kraft family envisioned years earlier.

That vision began to take shape in 1999 when the Kraft Group submitted plans for the Gillette Stadium project, which included eventual redevelopment of the land surrounding the stadium. At the time, the Kraft family envisioned a project that would spur economic development in the Foxborough area without any new environmental impact by redeveloping space occupied by unpaved parking lots, a racetrack and mobile home park. With the success of Gillette Stadium and the New England Patriots in the early 2000s, the Kraft family's vision for Patriot Place came

into focus. In 2007, site development began on the mixed-use retail and entertainment center that Robert Kraft called a "legacy project" for him and his family.

"Patriot Place represents my family's investment in the future of New England," said Robert prior to the complex's opening in 2007, adding that the development would be a "lasting contribution to the lifestyle, culture and economy of this region."

Ten years later, and through the support of many in the Foxborough community, Patriot Place has delivered the types of results that all of us here at the Kraft Group are very proud of.

### **ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

Patriot Place has created more than 3,000 full and part-time jobs and has generated more than \$23.4 million in revenue to the Town through taxes and fees since opening in 2007. Additionally, the Patriot Place project provided \$7 million in transportation improvements.

### **LIFESTYLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Patriot Place has introduced more than 70 new shopping, dining, lodging and entertainment options to the area, including the Brigham and Women's /



*Patriot Place celebrated 10 years in the community this past November.*

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM



Patriot Place site in 2017.



Patriot Place site prior to construction in 2002.



Patriot Place site under construction in 2007.

## PATRIOT PLACE: Celebrating 10 Years

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Mass General Health Care Center, a world-class medical facility that offers the highest quality in health care services.

### CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Patriot Place annually offers more than 250 family activities, festivals, clinics and events, including the Finish at the 50 road races and an outdoor movie series in the summer, a cranberry harvest and a holiday tree lighting in the fall, outdoor ice skating and an Irish festival in the winter and a street painting festival in the spring. Additionally, the complex's Artist's Studio & Gallery provides a professional studio setting for local artists to display their work while The Hall at Patriot Place pays homage to the history of the Patriots and football in New England.



These contributions are a true example of the "Everyone Wins" concept the Kraft Group envisioned for Patriot Place in 2007 and the direct result of the partnership we have enjoyed with the community. The success of Patriot Place is not possible without your continued support. It's been an incredible journey and we are excited to see what can be accomplished together over the next 10 years.

"Through the support of this community, we have been able to create a unique mix of uses intended to encourage people to visit Patriot Place year-round. We truly can offer something for everyone and have embraced our original tagline of 'Everyone Wins' over these past 10 years." - Brian Earley, Patriot Place G.M.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

**PIONEERS IN REAL ESTATE:** Patriot Place became New England's largest lifestyle center and first mixed-use complex of its kind when it opened in November 2007. Below is a by the numbers look at Patriot Place and the impact it has had on the community in 10 years of operation.



**\$450M**

The total amount invested into Patriot Place by the Kraft family and tenant partners since the project began.



**\$23.4M+**

The amount of revenue Patriot Place has generated for the Town through taxes and fees since opening in 2007.



**1.3M**

The number of square feet of retail, dining, entertainment and lifestyle space.



**3,000+**

The number of full and part-time retail and hospital jobs Patriot Place has created.



**250+**

The number of family activities, festivals, clinics and events offered annually at Patriot Place.



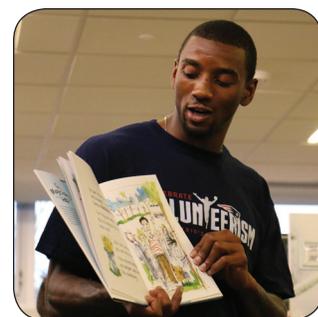
**70+**

The number of shopping, dining, lodging and entertainment options at Patriot Place.



## SLATER NAMED YMCA LEGEND

Patriots' special teamer and co-captain Matthew Slater was named the Hockomock YMCA's 2017 Legend in November for his passion and commitment to community.



## READING: Mitchell, Rivers make special visit to Boyden Library

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Mitchell read his book to the audience; encouraging children to find their own passion for reading.

"Football is fun, but I want you to achieve all of your goals and I think reading can help you do that,"

Mitchell told the children.

Rivers followed Mitchell by reading Aimee Aryal's children's book, "Let's Go, Patriots!" The players signed autographs and posed for photos while Patriots staff handed out copies of "Let's Go, Patriots!" to everyone in attendance.

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## IN THE SCHOOLS

# French exchange students visiting Foxborough tour Gillette Stadium

The Kraft Group welcomed 25 students from France to Gillette Stadium on Oct. 24 as part of an exchange program with Foxborough High School. The students, visiting from Lycee Jacques Prevert, a high school in Longjumeau, France, began the experience with a tour of The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon followed by a tour of Gillette Stadium.

The group ate lunch in the Patriots Media Workroom, where the team holds its

weekly press conferences for Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, before visiting the field. As the students stepped foot onto the turf, they were greeted with a message from the Kraft family displayed on the video boards that read, "Welcome students from the School Jacques Prevert to Gillette Stadium" in French.

The names of each student were also displayed around the stadium's electronic boards as the group kicked soccer balls and threw footballs before

gathering for a group photo.

The tour was led by Kraft Sports Special Events Coordinator Hannah Creighton, who minored in French in college and can speak the language fluently.



## IN THE COMMUNITY



New England Revolution goalkeeper Brad Knighton leads children from the Foxboro branch of the Hockomock Area YMCA in soccer drills on Sunday, Oct. 1.

# REVVED UP FOR SOCCER

Players and coaches from the New England Revolution visited the Foxboro branch of the Hockomock Area YMCA on Sunday, Oct. 1, to lead a group of more than 60 children in a youth soccer clinic.

Revolution defenders Josh Smith and London Woodberry and goalkeeper Brad Knighton joined coaches from the Revolution Academy in leading the youngsters through a variety of soccer drills and skill training. Following the drills, the players participated in a Q&A before signing autographs and posing for photos.



## FACES OF FOXBOROUGH

### KELLY DONAHUE



A 2008 graduate of Foxborough Regional Charter School, Kelly Donahue has spent much of her educational and professional career in Foxborough. She was among the first students to attend the charter school when it opened as SABIS Foxborough Regional Charter School in 1998 and has fond memories of growing up in the area.

"Founders Day was always one of my favorite days of the year," Donahue said.

After graduation, Donahue went on to earn a degree in marketing and management at the University of New Hampshire in 2012 and joined the Kraft Group in May of 2013.

"I started at the Kraft Group as a marketing coordinator for marketing partner and season ticket holder events," Donahue said. "I also handled cheerleader appearances, mascot appearances and various game day promotions."

Nearly five years later, Donahue is an event manager for the company, managing functions like Bar Mitzvahs, proms, corporate meetings, conferences, weddings, company outings and holiday parties. These



Kelly Donahue (fifth from the left) with her coworkers, including residents Annmarie Morini (third from left) and Tim Oakes (second from the right) at the Patriots' staff ring ceremony.

events can range in size from 25 people to 3,000 people, which Donahue enjoys.

"I think the best part about my job is that we meet a lot of people who have never been to Gillette Stadium," Donahue said. "We have the opportunity to give someone the best day of their life by letting them run across the field or by taking a family photo for them, which is really rewarding for all of us in the events department."

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## SALUTE TO SERVICE



Vietnam veterans were honored during a pinning ceremony at Gillette Stadium on Nov. 21.

## PATRIOTS HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS

The Kraft family and the Patriots Foundation hosted more than 60 Vietnam War veterans during a special pinning ceremony on Nov. 21 as part of the organization's Salute to Service initiatives to honor military throughout the month of November.

Robert and Josh Kraft welcomed the veterans to Gillette Stadium and presented each of them with a lapel pin to commemorate their service as part of an initiative led by the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

"I have long said that the most underappreciated people in this country are the men and women of our service industries, like firefighters, police and nurses," said Robert Kraft. "Quite simply, they don't get the credit or financial reward they deserve for the roles they play in our society. Similarly, the most underappreciated veterans in our country are the soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War."

Patriots players Joe Cardona, Brandin Cooks, Matthew Slater, Jordan Richards and defensive coordinator Matt Patricia were all on hand to pin the veterans.

"It was a special moment to be able to come here and to be able to thank them for what they have done," said Cooks, whose father and uncle both served in the Vietnam War as Marines. "Sometimes it feels like they're forgotten about and it's just been a blessing to see their smiles, see the joy that they get from meeting us and them understanding that we really thank them for their support."

Among the group of veterans in attendance at the ceremony was Foxborough resident and Marine Frank Walsh, who was stationed at a support base in Vietnam 50 years ago.

Walsh called the Nov. 21 pinning ceremony an "unbelievable experience" and enjoyed meeting the players, Robert and Josh Kraft as well as sharing stories with fellow Marines.

4 "It was a terrific day and I was happy to be a part of it," Walsh said.

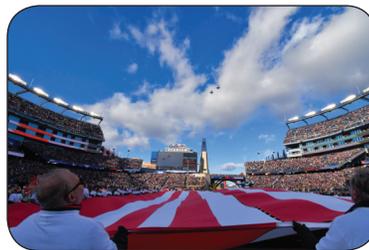


## A SALUTE TO THEIR SERVICE

### More than 200 military veterans recognized at Patriots' Nov. 26 Salute to Service game

The Patriots hosted more than 200 military veterans from all five branches, Gold Star families and 50 active duty service members for the team's annual Salute to Service game on Nov. 26 at Gillette Stadium.

The veterans participated in the Patriots' pregame ceremony, which included unfurling a POW/MIA flag, flags of each military branch and a large American flag on the field for the singing of the national anthem, which was performed by country music singer and songwriter Trace Adkins. At the conclusion of the national anthem, two F/A-18-C Hornets from the US Navy's VFA-106 Gladiators out of Virginia Beach performed a flyover of the stadium.



Frank Walsh, left, holds the American flag as two F/A-18-C Hornets fly over Gillette Stadium prior to the Patriots-Dolphins game on Nov. 26.

Among the veterans performing in the military appreciation ceremony were Foxborough residents Dennis Colwell Sr. and Frank Walsh.

Colwell Sr. served four years in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War while Walsh served three years in the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

"It was a privilege and an honor to be part of this special day," Colwell Sr. said of participating in the Patriots Salute to Service pregame ceremony.

Walsh, who attended a special ceremony for Vietnam War veterans at Gillette Stadium days earlier, added he enjoyed taking the whole experience in and that he appreciated Vietnam veterans being recognized for their service.

"When something like this happens, it makes you think and feel like people really do care," Walsh said. "Our service and what we did really mattered to people."

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## FOXBOROUGH BOY BATTLING CANCER MEETS HIS SUPERHEROES

Like most 10-year-old boys, Logan Minassian likes music, superheroes and rooting for his hometown Patriots. But unlike most, Logan is battling a large cancerous brain tumor that doctors discovered this past February.

Since his diagnosis, Minassian has undergone surgery, radiation and chemotherapy treatments to combat the cancer, which has left little time or energy to enjoy being a kid.

The Partners in Patriotism Fund has helped Minassian's family financially through his treatments and on Oct. 30, the Kraft family and Patriots Foundation surprised him with a special invitation to their inaugural Halloween party at Gillette Stadium for more than 30 pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Minassian and the other children, all dressed in their costumes, enjoyed an afternoon of decorating cookies and pumpkins and watching a magic show. The highlight of the day, however, was meeting more than a dozen Patriots players dressed as superheroes.

Minassian's costume, an elaborate portrayal of Beatles' drummer Ringo Starr, was the hit of the party and even caught the attention of his



**ABOVE:** Foxborough resident Karen Gauvreau and her son, Logan, pose with Patriots players dressed as superheroes at Gillette Stadium on Oct. 30. **RIGHT:** Logan meets his favorite player, Rob Gronkowski.

favorite player, Rob Gronkowski.

"That costume is awesome little man," Gronk, dressed as 'Gronkenstein,' told Logan. "I'm a big fan of the Beatles, too."

Logan's mom, Karen, said the



Beatles are her son's favorite band because they help him relax while

he's receiving treatment and that his favorite song is, "From Me to You."

Karen added that the Halloween party was Logan's first outing since his diagnosis.

"I was really proud that he wanted to go to the party," she said. "He wasn't even going to dress up or do anything for Halloween until we found out about this event. I spent the whole weekend getting his costume ready and he was so excited to come."

The pack of Patriots dressed as superheroes included Devin McCourty, Duron Harmon, Rex Burkhead, Matthew Slater, Deatrich Wise, Johnson Bademosi, Ted Karras, Lawrence Guy, Cameron Fleming, Derek Rivers and Geneo Grissom. Nate Solder, dressed as a wizard, was joined by his son and pediatric cancer patient, Hudson, who was dressed as Waldo.

"Having kids has put life into perspective in general," Solder said. "But now that Hudson is going through all this stuff, I'm just glad we get to have a fun night. This is such a special night. All of these kids here, all going through really difficult circumstances, but we all go through it together and we get to have some fun and be kids with them."

## Lead singer of Foxborough's Thirty 6 Red performs national anthem at Patriots game

Erin Ollis crossed a thrilling item off of her bucket list on Oct. 29 when the 26-year-old singer from the Foxborough-based band, Thirty 6 Red, performed the national anthem prior to the Patriots-Chargers game at Gillette Stadium.

"The entire experience was so surreal," said Ollis. "I had so many emotions running through my mind from being extremely excited to very nervous, but hearing the cheers from 66,000 people coming from all angles of the stadium was simply incredible and some-

thing I will never forget."

Ollis' passion for music dates back to grade school and includes training in several different genres and languages. She has built an impressive resume as a singer, performing with Kenny Rogers at Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods and opening for musicians Alan Jackson, Eddie Money, Chris Cagle and Colt Ford.

In 2014, Ollis joined Thirty 6 Red, a six-member band that performs covers of songs across all decades.

As for singing the national anthem, Ollis has had experience at sporting events at the DCU Center and Dunkin' Donuts Center, but nothing quite like the magnitude of an NFL game in Foxborough.

"Performing at Gillette Stadium before the Patriots game has always been on my bucket list," she said. "Performing before the Patriots is a huge honor and an experience of a lifetime. Being on the field and looking at the crowd of roaring Patriots fans; I felt like a star."



Singer Erin Ollis performs the national anthem prior to the Patriots-Chargers game on Oct. 29 at Gillette Stadium. Ollis is the lead singer of the Foxborough-based band, Thirty 6 Red.



# A CRUCIAL CATCH

**Foxborough residents among 450 cancer survivors and caregivers participate in the Patriots' Crucial Catch pregame ceremony at the Patriots' Oct. 22 game**

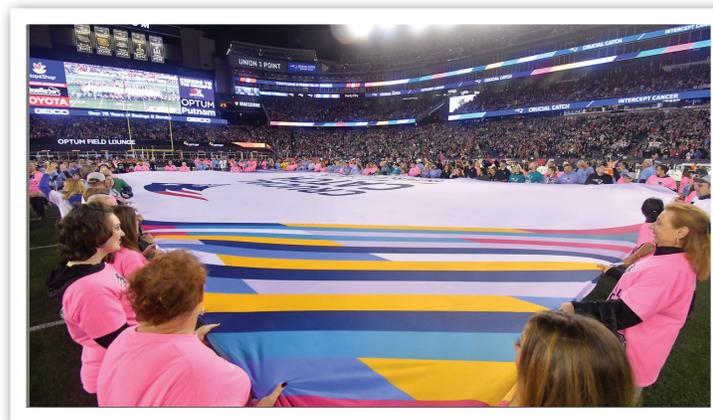
The New England Patriots, NFL and the American Cancer Society teamed up to expand its efforts in supporting the fight against cancer through the Crucial Catch: Intercept Cancer campaign. After nearly a decade of supporting breast cancer awareness, treatment and research, the campaign has expanded to address early detection and risk reduction efforts for all cancers.

Prior to kickoff of the Oct. 22 Patriots-Falcons game at Gillette Stadium, 450 cancer survivors and their caregivers were recognized on the field during a special tribute as part of the Patriots' annual Crucial Catch pregame ceremony. Each survivor wore a t-shirt with the color representing the type of cancer they have so bravely fought.

As the song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" began to play over the stadium's audio system, the survivors and their caregivers proudly walked out onto the field to the cheers of nearly 66,000 fans in celebration of their bravery, strength and hope as they unfurled a large "Crucial Catch" banner at midfield.

Foxborough resident Tricia Conlon was among the survivors holding the banner. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016, Tricia underwent a double mastectomy in October 2016 and is celebrating one-year cancer free.

"Last year, a week after my surgery, I was blessed to attend the Patriots Day of Pampering event and participate in the pregame ceremony for their breast cancer awareness game," Conlon said. "To be able to



come back a year later, cancer free, means the world to me. I'm feeling great and full of energy."

Conlon admitted that cancer can make you feel lonely at times, but the support she has received from her community, family, friends and favorite NFL team has been overwhelming.

"I feel very lucky to have gone on this journey because of the people I have met along the way," Conlon said. "I wouldn't have met them any other way. A lot of people have touched my life. I am so grateful to the Town of Foxborough, the Kraft organization, the Patriots Foundation and my friends and family for all of their care and support. It's been absolutely amazing."

Conlon's longtime friend, Lisa Rapoza, is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and also participated in the pregame ceremony. The Foxborough native said walking onto the field with fellow cancer survivors was "very emotional."

"I had so many friends and family in the stands at the game," Rapoza said. "It was really special."

Also on the field was Foxborough resident Donna Wright and her daughter, Tracie. Donna has lived in town for more than 45 years and was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer this past February. She completed chemotherapy this past October and began radiation in November.

"When you hear the word, 'Cancer,' you obviously think the absolute worst, but I am one of the lucky ones," Donna said. "The oncology nurses at Sturdy Memorial Hospital were very caring and supportive. I had the best nurses I could have treating me."

Donna added that her on-field experience at the Oct. 22 game was "very exciting" and that she enjoyed being around people who are fighting or have beaten cancer.

"Meeting people that have been

cancer-free for years was wonderful to hear," Donna said. "It was encouraging to be with so many people going through or have been through a similar situation."

Ramona Kingsley, 54, and her husband, Norman, also participated in the pregame ceremony. Ramona has lived in Foxborough for 46 years and was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was pregnant with her oldest son, Ryan, 32 years ago.

"The doctors discovered I had tumors in my breasts and recommended I abort my pregnancy," Kingsley said. "I told them there was no way I was doing that and gave birth to Ryan that October."

Shortly after Ryan was born, Kingsley underwent a double mastectomy and treatment to remove the cancer.

"I'm very healthy 32 years later," she said.

Joining the survivors on the field were Patriots wide receiver coach Chad O'Shea's family, whose mother is a breast cancer survivor, Patriots offensive tackle Nate Solder's wife, Lexi, and son, Hudson, who is a pediatric cancer patient, former Patriots offensive lineman Joe Andruzzi, who is celebrating 10 years cancer-free, Patriots offensive tackle Marcus Cannon's wife, Alyssa, who is a lymphoma survivor and Tom Brady's mother Galynn, who is a breast cancer survivor.

"It was incredible to see everyone and celebrate them as survivors," Kingsley said. "The emotion of it all was unbelievable. It was especially awesome to see Mrs. Brady come out and join us on the field."



Cancer survivors from the Hockomock Area YMCA's LIVESTRONG and STRONG programs pose for a photo in their Patriots Crucial Catch t-shirts at the Foxboro branch on Oct. 26.

## PATS MAKE SPECIAL DELIVERY TO CANCER SURVIVORS AT FOXBORO YMCA

As part of its "Crucial Catch" campaign throughout the month of October, the Patriots Foundation stopped by the Hockomock Area YMCA's Foxboro branch to surprise a group of more than 50 cancer survivors enrolled in the Y's LIVESTRONG and STRONG programs with Patriots Crucial Catch t-shirts and Patriots gift bags.

"We wanted to show our support to these survivors and let them know that we are standing side-by-side with them," said Donna Spigaro, Patriots community relations director. "We wanted to share our Crucial Catch t-shirts with them so they could proudly display their Patriots pride and let them know how much we admire their courage and bravery as they battle through cancer."

The YMCA's LIVESTRONG and STRONG programs were established at the Foxboro, Franklin and



North Attleboro branches in 2010 to help cancer survivors begin the journey toward recovery from cancer treatment. The programs offer adults affected by cancer a safe, supportive environment to participate in physical and social activities.



Lisa Rapoza, left, chats with Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski during the team's third annual Day of Pampering event on Oct. 19.

## PAMPERED BY THE PATRIOTS

Lisa Rapoza grew up a football fan in Foxborough and has been going to Patriots games with her family since the days of Schaefer Stadium. So when her hometown team invited her to attend a special event at Gillette Stadium for women battling cancer, she became overwhelmed with joy.

"I was in tears reading the invitation," Rapoza said.

Rapoza, 47, was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer in December 2015 and has endured an extensive battle for much of the past two years.

"I did four months of chemotherapy," Rapoza said. "I had to have a mastectomy, 25 rounds of radiation and I was looking towards reconstruction."

She finished her last round of radiation in July 2016, but was rushed to the hospital 10 days later due to a severe infection throughout her body - something she is still fighting a year-and-a-half later.

"I'm currently being treated at Tufts Medical in Boston," she said. "I'm doing OK; I just had my ninth surgery on Oct. 17."

Two days after that surgery, Rapoza was picked up by a private car provided by the Patriots and driven to Gillette Stadium to attend the team's third annual Day of Pampering. She was joined by 10 other women currently undergoing cancer treatment for a day all about them.

The event began with a healthy breakfast and relaxation yoga before manicures, massages and Reiki - all from inside a stadium suite. The group heard from nutrition and exercise experts before lunch, where they were joined by Pro Football and Patriots Hall of Famer Andre Tippett and Robert Kraft, who invited them to the Patriots' Sunday Night Football game (and Super Bowl LI rematch) vs. Atlanta to participate in the team's annual Crucial Catch pregame ceremony.

The gesture was especially meaningful to Rapoza, who spent Super Bowl LI in the hospital.

"This is kind of like my Super Bowl," Rapoza said of the team's Oct. 22 game. "This experience has honestly been the best day I have had in two years. I'm just grateful and honestly, meeting Bob Kraft was my favorite part. He's such a class act and this whole organization has been so amazing."

The special day concluded on the Gillette Stadium field where Rapoza and the other cancer survivors were greeted by Patriots players Devin McCourty, James White, Brandin Cooks, Nate Solder and Stephen Gostkowski. The players signed autographs, posed for selfies and offered words of encouragement to the women.

# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM FUND

### INVESTING IN FOXBOROUGH'S CULTURE

#### PIP Fund donates \$11K to Foxborough's performing arts

New life has been given to the performing arts in town through the efforts of Foxborough's Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

The group, led by Bob Hickey, has put the spotlight back on the Orpheum Theatre by hosting community productions like "Aladdin," "Mary Poppins" and "The Nutcracker," just to name a few. The Partners in Patriotism Fund proudly supports youth enrichment programs in the community, which is why it has donated \$11,000 to fund various performing arts programs throughout Town.

"It cannot be overstated how important it is to support the performing arts at all levels, be it by encouraging our kids to participate or by attending the performances and showing appreciation for the hard work that goes into producing a show," Hickey said. "None of this would be possible without financial support and it's amazing to see these different theater programs each receiving funding from the PIP Fund. We are grateful that these programs are bringing their productions to our stage and to the PIP Fund for supporting the performing arts in Foxborough."

Among the recipients is Foxborough High School senior Caitlin Brightman, who received a \$2,000 grant to direct her first production this winter. Brightman, who has had a passion for theater for as long as she can remember, will direct Disney's "High School Musical Jr."

"Directing this show is a dream come true," Brightman said. "'High School Musical' has been my favorite movie since elementary school, so it will be amazing to see it come to life."

Brightman plans to cast students in grades six through 10 from Foxborough and surrounding towns.

"The performing arts has always been a place where everyone could express themselves without judg-



*From left: Foxborough High School senior Caitlin Brightman and Foxborough Regional Center for the Performing Arts Director Bob Hickey in front of the Orpheum Theatre. Brightman received a \$2,000 grant from the Partners in Patriotism Fund to direct her first production, Disney's "High School Musical Jr." at the Orpheum on March 30.*

ment," Brightman said. "I've found that performing on stage gives kids true confidence and even the quietest kids are able to find their voice on stage. Theater and performing has had such a positive impact on my life and I wanted to find a way to give others that same positive experience."

Additionally, Foxborough High School received a \$5,000 grant to help revive the school's musical theater program, which has not been active since 2005.

"From the opportunity to act, sing, play in a pit band, run lights or paint scenery, a musical has the ability to bring students and the community together to put on a show the students will always remember," said Scott Walker, an Ahern Middle School

English teacher who applied for the FHS theater grant.

Another group seeking to re-establish its theater program is the Taylor Elementary School's PTO, which received a \$4,000 grant to jumpstart the program.

"This grant money will be used to help continue and grow the theater program at the Taylor School," said Leah Gibson of the Taylor School's PTO. The school recently organized its first production of the year as the third and fourth graders, led by director Laura Canfield, performed the musical production, "101 Dalmatians KIDS" on Dec. 1-2 at the Orpheum Theater. It was the first time an elementary school musical was held at the Orpheum.

#### Burrell School PTO receives \$3K to fund field trips

The PIP Fund donated \$3,000 to assist the Burrell Elementary School PTO in funding one field trip this school year for each grade (kindergarten through fourth grade).

Field trips include visits to Mass Audubon for kindergarten students, the New England Aquarium for first graders, Boston Children's Museum for second graders, Plimouth Plantation for third graders and the Museum of Science for fourth graders.

#### PIP Fund supports Foxboro Girl Scouts' blanket project

The PIP Fund donated \$1,500 to the Foxboro Girl Scouts to assist in funding the annual Blanket Project, which promotes community service through a day of giving to those less fortunate.

The Girl Scouts cut and assemble no-sew fleece blankets that are then donated to the Foxboro Discretionary Fund for distribution over the holidays.

"This event provides us the opportunity to not just support the community, but support our Girl Scouts as well," said Laurie Magee, Foxboro Girl Scouts treasurer. "They learn that giving feels just as good as receiving."



# 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.

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)**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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 (attach supporting documents and additional typed pages to application as needed):**

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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.**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT *Gillette* STADIUM™

## 2018 GILLETTE STADIUM CONCERT SERIES

# TAYLOR SWIFT RETURNS SUMMER 2018

The biggest act in music is bringing the hottest concert of 2018 to Foxborough for two shows next summer.

Ten-time GRAMMY winner Taylor Swift announced July 27 and 28, 2018 dates at Gillette Stadium in support of her new album, "reputation."

Swift's "reputation Stadium Tour" will be the global superstar's fifth tour stop and eighth and ninth shows at Gillette Stadium. Foxborough is one of just 27 U.S. towns and cities she will visit on tour.

Swift is the only artist in history to have four albums sell over one million copies in their first week of release (2010's "Speak Now," 2012's "RED" and 2014's "1989" and 2017's "reputation"). She is also the youngest person in history to win the music industry's highest honor, The GRAMMY Award for "Album of the Year" and she is the first female solo artist to win the award twice.

Rolling Stone listed Swift as one of the 100 Greatest Songwriters



Taylor Swift performs at Gillette Stadium on July 25, 2015 as part of her "1989 Tour."

of All Time and Time magazine has named her one of the 100 Most Influential People in the world. She also became Billboard's youngest-ever Woman of the Year and the only artist to have received that award twice.

Through all of the accolades and global success, Swift has made some special memories right here in Foxborough.

In 2010, she became the first female artist to headline Gillette Stadium and, in turn, the venue became the first stadium she toured in.

In 2011, much of Swift's live performance of "Sparks Fly" at Gillette Stadium during her "Speak Now Tour" was featured in the song's official music video. It was during her "Speak Now Tour" stop in Foxborough that Taylor

developed a connection with her New England fan base and anointed Gillette Stadium as one of her favorite venues.



Taylor Swift's first performance at Gillette Stadium in 2010.



Taylor Swift performs at Gillette Stadium in 2011.



Taylor Swift performs at Gillette Stadium in 2013.

"Foxborough is the first place that I realized it was a possibility to play for over 100,000 people in two days," Swift told the Gillette Stadium crowd during the June 2011 show. "My time in Foxborough will be filed under one of the greatest times in my life."

Swift has sold out all seven of her shows at Gillette Stadium.

## NO SHOES NATION: POPULATION ONE MILLION

*Kenny Chesney reaches 1 million tickets sold at Gillette Stadium with 2018 shows*

Next summer is going to be special when Kenny Chesney returns to Foxborough to perform his 18th and 19th shows at Gillette Stadium on Aug. 24 and 25. That's because the country music superstar, who has played at Gillette Stadium more times than any other artist, has reached a significant milestone: 1 million tickets sold at the home of the New England Patriots and New England Revolution.

"The fans that have come out to the Gillette Stadium shows, since we started doing stadium shows back in 2005, have always rocked our world," said Chesney. "And it's grown, and built, and gotten better and better. The energy and the passion? There's nothing like it. We named 'No Shoes Nation' at Gillette, made so many memories and even this past year, on my year off, we couldn't keep away ... but you never think about



Kenny Chesney will perform his 18th and 19th shows at Gillette Stadium on Aug. 24-25, 2018 as part of his "Trip Around the Sun Tour."

something like a million tickets sold."

The one millionth ticket was sold when tickets went on sale for the Aug. 25, 2018 show on Nov. 2.

"Some of my best nights have been onstage at Gillette, and that's because of the people who come out every single year," Chesney said. "We're going to have to do

something really special for this year's shows to thank No Shoes Nation for all of their love and support for what we do and the music we play. I'm excited."

The shows will feature special guests Dierks Bentley, Brothers Osborne and Brandon Lay.

## NFL PLAYOFFS UPCOMING NFL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

The New England Patriots have captured their ninth consecutive AFC East Division title and 19th division crown in franchise history.

That means the Pats will play in the postseason for the 19th time since

Robert Kraft purchased the team in 1994.

The NFL playoffs begin on Jan. 6, 2018 with the AFC and NFC Wild Card Round. Here are the dates for each playoff round:

- **WILD CARD ROUND**  
Jan. 6-7
- **DIVISIONAL ROUND**  
Jan. 13-14
- **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Jan. 21



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT Patriot PLACE

**HAPPENING DAILY**

## CRADLES TO CRAYONS COAT DRIVE

**Date:** Now through Feb. 28, 2018

**Details:** Patriot Place has partnered with Cradles to Crayons to provide warm coats and hats/ gloves sets to homeless and low-income children from infancy to age 12. You can help out by donating a new or gently used coat or hat/ gloves sets at the following Patriot Place retailers: 5 Wits, A.C. Moore, Alex and Ani, Bar Louie, Bed Bath & Beyond, Bass Pro Shops, Brigham and Women's/Mass General Health Care Center, Capriotti's, CBS Scene, Davio's, Five Guys Burgers, Green Tangerine Spa & Salon, The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon, Olympia Sports, Patriot Place Management Office, Splitsville Luxury Lanes |Howl at the Moon, Victoria's Secret.



**OPEN DAILY**

## WINTER SKATE AT PATRIOT PLACE

**Date:** Open now through February 2018

**Details:** Visit Winter Skate presented by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care to enjoy outdoor ice skating in the shadows of Gillette Stadium. Current hours of operation: Monday (4-8 p.m.); Tuesday & Wednesday (4-9 p.m.); Thursday (4-6:30 p.m.); Friday (4-10 p.m.); Saturday (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.); Sunday (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.). For more information, visit [www.patriot-place.com](http://www.patriot-place.com).



**FEB 17-25**

## FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

**Date:** Feb. 17-25, 2018

**Details:** In search of something to do during February school vacation week? Plan a staycation right here in Foxborough with a trip to Patriot Place. In addition to the free, daily family activities Patriot Place will have planned, you can take advantage of a number of entertainment options with the "Play Action Pass," which offers you access to two entertainment options of your choosing for one price. For more information, visit [www.patriot-place.com](http://www.patriot-place.com).



**MARCH 10**

## NINTH ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL AT PATRIOT PLACE

**Date:** March 10, 2018

**Details:** Irish eyes will be smiling during Patriot Place's ninth annual Irish Festival. The popular St. Patrick's Day weekend event brings the joys of the Irish culture with free activities for children and families. For more information, visit [www.Patriot-Place.com](http://www.Patriot-Place.com).



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# PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

## RESIDENT PLAYBOOK

### WIN A VIP EXPERIENCE TO TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERT!

In July 2018, Taylor Swift will return to Gillette Stadium for two nights as part of her "reputation Stadium Tour" - her first tour in three years.

To welcome Taylor back, Gillette Stadium is giving one lucky Foxborough resident a concert package that includes four tickets to watch her opening night performance on Friday, July 27, 2018 from inside a Gillette Stadium suite, which will include complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages. The concert package includes a VIP parking pass.

The "reputation Stadium Tour" will be Taylor's fifth tour stop in Foxborough and her eighth and ninth performances at Gillette Stadium. In 2010, the 10-time GRAMMY Award winner became the first female artist to headline Gillette Stadium and, in turn, the venue became the first stadium she toured in. Taylor has sold out all seven of her shows at Gillette Stadium.

Details on how to enter this exclusive resident offer can be found in the photo caption.

### HOW TO WIN



To enter to win this exclusive Foxborough resident experience, please email your name and address with "Resident Playbook" in the subject line to [FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com](mailto:FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com). One winner will be chosen at random and notified via email on **Friday, March 23**. For rules and regulations, visit [www.GilletteStadium/Partners-in-Patriotism](http://www.GilletteStadium/Partners-in-Patriotism)

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