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

PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM



BACK IN FULL SWING

Kraft Sports + Entertainment is thrilled to share another exciting summer slate of events including the return of concerts with some of the biggest names in music, the Premier Lacrosse League's All-Star Game and quarterfinals, Monster Jam and more! This jam-packed schedule of special events means more than just a fun night out for Foxborough residents - the Town receives \$2.96 for each ticket sold for every one of these full-stadium events. For the most current listing of events, additional details and ticketing information, visit GilletteStadium.com, and be sure to follow @ GilletteStadium on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.

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Find Partners in Patriotism on Social Media

Find Partners in Patriotism on Twitter and Instagram 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.

PATRIOTS' DAY Besidents with Pats ties to run Boston Marathon

A fter being canceled in 2020 and moved to October in 2021, the Boston Marathon is back on Patriots' Day where it belongs.

Among the thousands of runners taking the starting line this year will be several of our Foxborough neighbors, each running for a different reason and cause, pushing them through the months of training and 26.2 miles on April 18.



Andrea DeSantis is one of several residents running in the Boston Marathon this April. DeSantis is running in support of former Patriot Matt Light's foundation.

Andrea DeSantis is a 12-year resident and no stranger to marathons, having run 13 total, including nine consecutive Boston Marathons. DeSantis is running in support of the Light Foundation, a non-profit organization founded to help young people develop the skills, values and mindsets they need to create meaningful and productive futures. If that name sounds familiar, it's because long-time Patriot player and three-time Super Bowl champ Matt Light established the organization with his wife, Susie, in 2001 while playing for the Pats. "The Light Foundation does great work for a cause that's very close to my heart," DeSantis said. "They

> support atrisk youth and inspire them to make better choices and become responsible adults. I'm proud to utilize the resources I have and to be running the Boston Marathon again in support of the Light Foundation."

For **Sherrin Gallagher**, Patriots' Day doesn't just describe when she'll be running, but the cause she'll be running for. Gallagher is running her first marathon this April and doing so in support of the Patriots Foundation. All the proceeds raised by Gallagher and the other members of the Patriots Foundation team are earmarked for the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program, which celebrates and supports outstanding volunteers from across New England.

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NO OFFSEASON IN FOXBOROUGH Full slate of events headlining Gillette Stadium this summer

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SUPERCROSS April 23

Supercross returns to Gillette Stadium Saturday, April 23, bringing the world's best competitors to Foxborough to battle in a series of thrilling races. Gillette Stadium's third time hosting the event will feature an immersive fan fest, qualifying rounds and heat races throughout the day. Tickets starting at \$15 are available now through Ticketmaster.

GARTH BROOKS STADIUM TOUR May 21

The most electrifying, explosive and mesmerizing musical force in North America will perform at Gillette Stadium for the first time ever when Garth Brooks takes the stage this spring. Brooks, the topselling solo artist in U.S. history with 157 million records sold, will mark the return of live music at Gillette Stadium for the first time since Aug. 2019, and make his only New England stadium tour stop at the home of the six-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots and New England Revolution. Limited tickets are still available at ticketmaster.com/garthbrooks.

MONSTER JAM June 4

The most action-packed motorsports experience for families in the world returns to Gillette Stadium for the eighth time on June 4. At this Gillette Stadium summer tradi-



tion, guests will enjoy an all-star lineup of 12,000-pound Monster Trucks competing in high-flying, gravity-defying feats. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. **PREMIER LACROSSE LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME & PLAYOFFS** July 16 & Sept. 3

Over the years of hosting professional lacrosse games and NCAA Championships, Gillette Stadium has established itself as one of the nation's preeminent lacrosse venues. Now, after hosting the PLL's opening weekend in 2019 and 2021, Gillette Stadium will welcome the league's biggest stars for the 2022 All-Star Game and quarterfinals. The world's best lacrosse players will compete in the All-Star Game and showcase their skills in the All-Star Skills Challenge on July 16. Then on Sept. 3, teams will kick off their quest for the 2022 title, as

three quarterfinal showdowns will take place in Foxborough. Tickets for both events are available now at Ticketmaster.com.

THE WEEKND'S AFTER HOURS TIL DAWN TOUR

July 21

Global superstar The Weeknd will perform at Gillette Stadium on July 21 with special guest Doja Cat. The multiple Grammy-winning artist and Super Bowl LV halftime performer will take the stage at the home of the Patriots and Revolution for the first time this summer as part of his global stadium tour, performing chart-topping hits from his past two albums. Tickets are available at TheWeeknd.com/tour.

ELTON JOHN'S FAREWELL YELLOW BRICK ROAD TOUR July 27-28

In what will mark his final tour dates ever in North America, global

icon Elton John will perform at Gillette Stadium on July 27 and July 28. The Rocketman will perform in Foxborough for the first time since 2009, when he took the stage with Billy Joel on their Face 2 Face tour. **KENNY CHESNEY'S HERE AND NOW 2022 TOUR**

Aug. 26-27

Kenny Chesney will make his longawaited return to Gillette Stadium and the birthplace of "No Shoes Nation" on Aug. 26 and 27 for the grand finale of his Here and Now 2022 tour. Dan + Shay, Old Dominion and Carly Pearce will perform at Gillette Stadium alongside the chart-topping country superstar. Chesney will make his milestone 20th and 21st performances at Gillette and previously sold his one millionth ticket at the venue during his 2018 Trip Around the Sun tour.

RAMMSTEIN Sept. 9

Originally scheduled for Sept. 6, 2020, German rock band Rammstein will now make its North American stadium debut and play in the Boston market for the first time on Sept. 9, 2022. Known for breath-taking pyrotechnics, Rammstein will bring its full-scale stadium production to this continent for the first time. All tickets purchased for the original date will be honored for the rescheduled 2022 date. Tickets for this indescribable experience that needs to be seen to be believed are available at rammstein.com.

MARATHON: Residents Taking on 26.2-Mile Challenge

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The 30-year resident has been running competitively since she was 11 years old, but the timing was never right for her to run a marathon – until now. Now that she has the time to train and is



injury-free, picking a marathon team was an easy decision for Gallagher.

"I've been a Patriots STM for 11 years and am a true Patriots fan," she said. "I am amazed and inspired by the example the players and organization set on the field and in the community. As a resident and nurse practitioner, I've benefitted from their

charitable work and am happy I can give back to this organization and honored to represent the Patriots Marathon Team."

Also running for the Patriots Foundation team this April is 15year resident **Annie Murphy**. Murphy first fell in love with running



during her freshman year at Boston College and set a goal to run the Boston Marathon before graduating. Now a college junior, Murphy felt the opportunity to run as part of the Patriots team this year was too good to pass up.

"The Patriots Foundation is meaningful to me because its support not only allows

philanthropic organizations to continue making a positive impact on the youth and families, but it also raises awareness about the hundreds of charitable organizations throughout New England," Murphy said. "This organization's commitment to specifically local philanthropic agencies makes it even more meaningful because I'm able to really see first-hand the impact that the foundation makes in areas around my hometown."

Lindsey Cunniff is a lifelong resident and works for the hometown team as a community relations coordinator. This year will mark the second time she's undertaking the 26.2-mile



challenge and fundraising for the American Liver Foundation after first running in 2018 in memory of her father, who passed away from liver disease.

"While waiting on a liver transplant, my dad came up with a lot of things he wanted to do once he got better, including running a marathon. After his passing, I decided

to run the marathon for him," Cunniff said. "Five years later, now seemed like the perfect time to rejoin the team and help advocate for this cause so close to my heart. Raising money for the American Liver Foundation gives me peace knowing that the money I raise can help make it so other families don't have to go through the pain of losing a loved one to liver disease."

Chris Vandette has lived in town for 15 years and is running his third Boston Marathon and sixth marathon overall. He raised over \$13,000 for Dana Farber's marathon team when he ran Boston in October, even qualifying for this year's race with his finishing time. Although Vandette isn't running with a team this April, he continues to support his Dana Farber teammates by donating to their fundraising efforts and training with them on long group runs.

"I've supported Dana Farber throughout the years and will continue to do so, mainly driven by the fact that my wife,



Andrea, is a cancer survivor and patient at Dana Farber, so we love giving back to the organization that gave her such fantastic care while she was at the peak of her battle with cancer," Vandette said. "Additionally, due to their research, we hope that money donated now could possibly prevent future generations from having to go through what

Andrea has gone through."

For more information on each cause and to support the fundraising efforts of these inspiring residents, visit GilletteStadium.com/Partners-In-Patriotism. Then, cheer on your neighbors, family and friends at this year's marathon with the help of our pull-out sign on pages 6 and 7. Best of luck to everyone running this year, we're all rooting for you and can't wait to watch you cross the finish line!



Behind every team and the product fans see on the field is an equally important group of coaches, support staff and more, all working tirelessly to contribute to the team's success. The New England Revolution have enjoyed a successful run over the past handful of seasons, even capturing the 2021 MLS Supporters' Shield. One of these key behindthe-scenes contributors playing an integral role is Kevin Mellon, manager of team administration.

Mellon has worked for the team for the past two years, handling team logistics including travel details and assisting players and their families in relocating to the area. Putting it simply, Mellon describes his role as, "Doing everything I can so the players can focus on playing and the coaches on coaching."



Originally from New York, Mellon made the move to Foxborough in May 2021 and while he's still exploring everything the town has to offer, he's already enjoyed the convenient commute to work and loves being part of such a tight-knit community.

"I've always lived in smaller towns throughout New England and I really enjoy the small-town feel of Foxborough," Mellon said. "It's really nice to be part of a town with such a connected community of people."

PATRIOT PLACE NEWS Wormtown Teams Up with Gordon Berns Family

Scott Berns won the Resident Playbook in March 2020, but it might as well have been a lifetime ago. Berns found out he was the lucky winner of an exclusive tour of Wormtown Brewery and the opportunity to name a beer on tap before COVID-19 put everything on an extended pause.

So Berns had plenty of time to come up with his perfect name for a beer, but in reality, he didn't need much time at all. As soon as Wormtown CEO David Fields asked Berns what he had in mind, Berns knew the answer right away, coming up with the name "Sam's Hoppy Life" in honor of his son Sam Gordon Berns, who passed away from Progeria in 2014 but continues to inspire millions around the world. While they had the name, they still needed to craft the perfect beer. Just like the name, the brewing process was inspired by Sam.

"We got our tasting notes, flavor profiles and aromatics from Scott as he had an idea in mind of something that he and Sam would have enjoyed together," Fields said.

Taking the culmination of these ideas, Wormtown brewer Josh Bouchard crafted the perfect beer right down the street from where Sam grew up. Now they had the beer, but Fields and Wormtown wanted to do more. So they teamed up with the Gordon Berns family and the Progeria Research Foundation (PRF) to plan a special release party, where \$1 from each pint sold from this special batch would be donated to PRF, totaling over \$1,500 to fund research and find a cure.

With the concept in mind, everyone pitched in to bring the shared vision to life. Family friend and Foxborough neighbor Julie Pritchard designed the art for the can, featuring Sam's image and a QR code linking to his world-renowned TEDx Talk. Another neighbor and friend of Sam's, musician Matt Michienzie, even made a special trip back from Los Angeles to perform at the event. After all that work, the release party took place at Wormtown at the beginning of February, bringing together new friends and old to celebrate Sam and support PRF.

"The event was kind of an oasis in the midst of what is still a very surreal time," Berns said. "It was a night of celebration with new friends, extended family, Wormtown and PRF. I never dreamed something like this would happen all from me winning the giveaway, but it's a pretty magical thing and we have a great new supporter in Fields and Wormtown."

While the event is over and the limited release of Sam's Hoppy Life sold out, the relationship between the Gordon Berns family/PRF and Wormtown is just beginning.

"The really cool part for us was to be a part of something that is so meaningful and in honor of such an inspirational individual who was a part of that Foxborough community," Fields said. "It helped us feel like we're no longer visitors in this community but part of that Foxborough fabric and we look forward to being a part of more of these opportunities."

"David makes me feel like the sky's the limit," Berns said. "He could have just delivered on the giveaway experience, but he's gone above and beyond. My wife Leslie and I are so grateful about how this all came together and it's been a great way to honor Sam in a creative and fun way. The money we raised will certainly help us find the cure, and every dollar and every volunteer matters as we work toward that goal."

For those that missed out on the initial batch, you might be in luck. Fields and Berns both hinted at a surprise reappearance of Sam's Hoppy Life in the future, so keep your eyes peeled!



Tropical Smoothie Cafe Now Open

Patriot Place has added another delicious quick-serve option to its already robust list of offerings with Tropical Smoothie Cafe, a national fast-casual cafe with a tropical twist serving smoothies, wraps, sandwiches, salads and more.

Located in the North Marketplace across from Davio's, and Wormtown Brewery, Tropical Smoothie Cafe boasts a healthy and delicious menu including salads, flatbreads, wraps, and sandwiches, providing better-for-you options that can be enjoyed on the go. Tropical Smoothie Cafe is open



from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

"Tropical Smoothie Cafe has something for everyone, from their range of healthy and tasty smoothies to their delectable sand-

wiches, wraps and salads," said Brian Earley, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place. "We are thrilled to officially welcome Tropical Smoothie Cafe to the Patriot Place family and share their great flavors with our guests."

"With a mix of retail, dining and entertainment, Patriot Place is the perfect choice for our first Tropical Smoothie Cafe location," said Tropical Smoothie Cafe franchisee Shahil Patel. "Whether it's a quick lunch during a day of shopping, a snack before a concert or game, or a tasty and convenient dinner to go, our food and smoothies add a little bit of tropic time into anyone's busy schedule."

A Super Thank-You: Kraft Family Surprises Resident with Tickets to the Big Game

As a 15-year resident and six-time member of the Patriots Foundation marathon team, Mark Lamson has been to Gillette Stadium on a few occasions. So when he was invited to the stadium as thanks for his fundraising efforts, Lamson was grateful for the opportunity and hoping he'd receive a personalized commemorative football typically given to the Myra Kraft MVPs at the annual awards ceremony.

Lamson was thrilled when President of Kraft Family Philanthropies Josh Kraft did end up gifting him a football featuring his name and his total amount fundraised, which tops \$100,000 and is the most money fundraised in the program's history. But when Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Andre Tippett turned around with two tickets to Super Bowl LVI, Lamson didn't believe they were for him.

"It didn't click at first and then when it sunk in, it was really overwhelming," Lamson said. "I was shocked and it made me emotional to have such an incredible gift and acknowledgment by the Foundation and the Krafts."

A longtime Pats fan, Lamson had been to a handful of regular-season games, but never to a playoff game and certainly not the Super Bowl. He jumped on the opportunity to take his wife, Jill, on a fun-filled weekend in Los Angeles, culminating at America's biggest game. The couple enjoyed the sun, excitement coursing through the city and overall experience of being at the big game.

"The positive energy over the entire weekend and especially at the game itself was amazing," Lamson said. "It didn't matter what jersey you were wearing, everyone was having such a good time. To have the opportunity to meet so many passionate fans from across the country and be at the game



itself, in such an amazing stadium, was an unforgettable experience."

With the Super Bowl experience now behind him, Lamson laughs when thinking back to his start on the marathon team. After registering when he stumbled across the team on Patriots.com, Lamson described himself as in "panic mode" one month in when he feared he wouldn't hit his \$10,000 fundraising commitment. Now with six completed marathons and more than \$100,000 under his belt, Lamson can't believe where this journey has taken him.

"This has been a huge part of me and my family's lives and a commitment that I didn't fully grasp when I first signed up," Lamson said. "When I joined, I was looking for my next big adventure and little did I know what a life-impacting journey it would be. Now, we've hit an unimaginable milestone and I've created so many relationships from this experience."



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eer them on as they give the Marathon **everything they've got** this Patriots' Day!





PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM FUND

Continued Community Support: PIP Fund Grants Local Groups \$18,000

PIP FUND HELPS FHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TAKE GAME TO NEXT LEVEL

Thanks to the support of the PIP Fund in the form of a \$7,200 grant, the FHS girls basketball team received their brand-new Gun 10K by Shoota-Way just in time for the 2021-22 season.

The team, which advanced to the Round of 16 in the MIAA Playoffs, used the new machine at every practice throughout the season. The Gun 10K is designed to help every type of player improve their shooting through repetition and specialized drills designed to improve shooting form and accuracy.

Lisa Downs, head coach of the Warriors for 11 seasons, has incorporated the machine into every practice in her decade-plus coaching the team. So when their first machine wore out after a decade of use, she knew it needed to be replaced as soon as possible and turned to the PIP Fund for assistance.

This new and improved machine features a touchscreen, several brand-new capabilities to enhance shooting performance from every spot on the court, and is the team's "favorite part of practice," Downs said. With all these new features, Downs is still doing research on how to best utilize it. But with it expected to last for a decade-plus, she'll have plenty of time to figure out how to use it best.

"It's just so nice to have a



The PIP Fund granted the FHS Girls Basketball team \$7,200 to purchase the Gun 10K by Shoota-Way shooting machine.

group like the PIP Fund in your backyard so if needed, you can ask them for help," Downs said. "They can always say no, but we've been very fortunate in that we've asked twice in my 11 years and they've said yes twice. This type of outside support lets the team know that there's people backing them and rooting for them."

COUNCIL ON AGING RECEIVES \$8,000 FOR SENIOR PROM, NEW COPIER

The PIP Fund granted the Foxborough Council on Aging (COA) a total of \$8,000, with \$2,000 earmarked to offset the cost of a Senior Prom and an additional \$6,000 designated for a new copier. The Senior Prom will bring together seniors from across town to enjoy an evening full of music, food and fun. This funding from the PIP Fund will help cover the cost to rent the event space at Lakeview Pavilion for a fun-filled evening for Foxborough's seniors.

For the COA, a high-quality copier is a necessity for programming and other daily needs. This new machine will allow seniors to continue to enjoy these high-level programs and means the COA no longer needs to rent a copier annually.

PIP FUND GRANTS FHS CHEERLEADING \$3,000 FOR NATIONALS TRIP

The FHS Cheerleading team turned in another strong season, earning first place at regionals, taking home the small co-ed state championship and qualifying for the national competition in Orlando, Fla. After the cheer team officially gualified, the PIP Fund stepped in to grant the team \$3,000 to help offset the cost of travel, lodging and registration. The team then ended their season on a high note in Orlando, finishing third at nationals and taking home the WOW choreography award.



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 <u>www.GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism</u>

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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: <u>PIPFund@Patriots.com</u>

Noteworthy Neighbor Program Passes Century Mark

We started the #NoteworthyNeighbor initiative two years ago and since then, have featured more than 100 exemplary members of the Foxborough community. It's been our pleasure to share a slice of everyone's stories with you each week, and we hope you enjoy reading them as much as we enjoy sharing them with you. Noteworthy Neighbors recognized during the past quarter* include:

• Kota Doolan, who is bravely battling leukemia and setting an incredible example for others by staying positive and never giving up;

• Rashaan Lewis, who joined Devin McCourty to break down game film as part of the NFL's Next Generations;

• Michele McCarthy, who recently retired as principal of Burrell Elementary, a position she held since 2004;

 Hardik Patel, who uses his Red Fox Motel to give back, providing free lodging to anyone in need of housing, giving people a place to stay and providing use of his generator during power outages, and shoveling snow for the elderly;







• The FHS Jazz Ensemble, who performed at Gov. Charlie Baker's State of the Commonwealth Address and have earned recognition at regional, national and international competitions;

• Ed Sullivan, founder of Helmets to Hardhats, a nonprofit that connects veterans with careers;

• Dianne and James Murphy, who update the message board on the Common;

• Mark Lamson, the leading fundraiser for the Patriots Marathon Team:

• Adam Taj, who helped his neighbor shovel her driveway

following a snowstorm; • Connor Hogan, who competed for Team USA in alpine skiing at the Paralympics;

• Katherine Owens, who recently turned 101; and

• Sherrin Gallagher, who is running the Boston Marathon for the first time this April in support of the Patriots Foundation.

If you would like to nominate a future #NoteworthyNeighbor, email us at FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium. com, and check out @PIPFoxboro on Twitter and Partners in Patriotism on Facebook every Friday to see our latest Noteworthy Neighbor.



Decades of Dedication: Kraft family covers season tickets for resident STM



As an original Season Ticket Member, 27-year resident Thomas Doucette has pretty much seen it all at Patriots games.

But despite those decades of experience, the Patriots were still able to surprise him with a holiday gift at halftime of the Dec. 26 game against the Buffalo Bills. When Doucette received a phone call on his way to the game simply sharing instructions to meet by the lighthouse at halftime, he wasn't sure what to expect. But the reality surpassed all his expectations. Doucette was one of five original STMs surprised with the news that the Patriots and Kraft family would be picking up the cost of their season tickets for the 2022 season as a small token of appreciation for their decades of dedication to the team.

"When I got down to the meeting place at halftime, I could see a few other people there and I thought, 'I don't know what I got myself into but it looks pretty good,'" Doucette said. "It was a really pleasant surprise and I guess all the years I've braved the elements and gone to games all paid off."

No matter what else is going on in his life, attending Patriots games has always been a constant for Doucette. From the days of Foxboro Stadium and having 11 total tickets to share with family and friends, to today, when he's whittled down his season tickets to just two at Gillette Stadium, taking his sons and nephews along with him on the weekly pilgrimage to Foxborough's biggest neighbor. This latest surprise was just another highlight in Doucette's long relationship with the team dating back to 1960.

"It makes me feel good that people are getting recognized for what they do and how they help other people and I was lucky enough to be recognized for my longevity," Doucette said. "I lived in Boston for a long time and I moved to Foxborough to get closer to the Pats. Next thing you know, I'll be living in the stadium. I have a lot of good memories of games over the years and was really happy to be surprised with the news that my tickets for next year will be covered by the team."

Inspiring the Next Generation: McCourty Sits Down with Foxborough Running Back

Throughout his career, Patriots defensive back Devin McCourty has always worked to give back and inspire the next generation, from his work with the Players Coalition to Tackle Sickle Cell, We Belong Youth Leadership and more. McCourty continued this altruistic trend when he sat down with Foxborough eighth grader Rashaan Lewis. Lewis, a running back for the Foxborough Warriors, had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to break down his game film with a Super Bowl champion and Pro Bowler. The conversation lasted nearly 90 minutes and was organized through the NFL's Next Generations program, an initiative pairing NFL players with youth football players to break down their game and inspire the next generation of players. Although Lewis plays right down the street from McCourty, he never thought he'd have this





opportunity. "I was shocked because I never thought something like this would ever happen to me," Lewis said. "I see pieces like this on TV all the time, but I never thought I'd have the opportunity to talk to a pro like Devin and get a feel for how he plays and watches film."

The piece aired on ESPN as part of the pregame coverage of the Patriots "Monday Night Football" matchup against the Buffalo Bills, but Lewis will carry the experience far into the future. Next year, Lewis will take his talents to the high school level, along with the advice McCourty shared.

"This experience meant a lot to me because I feel like I need to change my game a little bit, and seeing how a pro does things and comparing it to what I do showed me how I can improve," Lewis said. "My biggest takeaway is to appreciate my team, and he also made a joke that I could play for the Pats right now, so that meant a lot."

As he always does on and off the football field, McCourty went above and beyond, sending Lewis a personalized autographed helmet to commemorate the experience. The Kraft family also gifted Lewis four front-row club seats to the 2021 home finale against Jacksonville, where he was joined by his uncle, quarterback and coach to watch the Patriots take down the Jaguars.

"It felt like I was representing our town and team and it meant a lot to everyone, not just me," Lewis said. "We had never been to a game before and had an awesome time. I'm just thankful for the support of my family, my teammates and my teachers."



Pats Surprise Residents For Random Acts of Kindness Week

To celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week, Pat Patriot and the Patriots cheerleaders surprised guests at two Foxborough Dunkin' locations one weekday morning, by taking photos, signing autographs and paying for residents' orders. In what has become an annual tradition, Pat and the cheerleaders greeted guests at the drive-thru window and cash register with the news that their orders had already been taken care of. Among the delighted guests were longtime residents and Foxborough couple Michelle and Dennis Callahan.

Over their 50-plus years living in town, the Callahans have become accustomed to seeing a strong Patriots presence around town. But the couple was still delighted to have their coffees and Dunkin' snacks purchased by the Pats, and Dennis even got an autographed Pat Patriot photo for his grandson he knows that he will love.

"It's great for the community and awesome to have Pat Patriot and the Patriots in town to surprise residents with free Dunkin'," Michelle said. "It's really nice to come in here on a typical morning and get this kind of excitement and nice way to start off the day."



RESIDENT PLAYBOOK WIN A FAMILY FOUR PACK TO MONSTER JAM!

Kraft Sports + Entertainment is giving one lucky Foxborough family the opportunity to enjoy Monster Jam in style this summer!

The world's best monster truck event returns to Foxborough for the eighth time on June 4, and to celebrate, Gillette Stadium is giving one resident four [4] tickets to enjoy the ultimate mix of high-flying action and non-stop excitement.

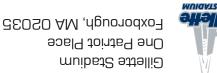
The evening of fun for the whole family will feature a star-studded lineup of 12,000-pound trucks going head-to-head in racing, freestyle and skills competitions.

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

HOW TO WIN



To enter to win this Foxborough resident offer, please fill out the form located within the "Resident Playbook" section online at <u>www.</u> <u>GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism.</u> One winner will be chosen at random and notified via email. Deadline to enter sweepstakes is <u>May 16, 2022</u>. For rules and regulations, visit <u>www.</u> <u>GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism.</u>



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