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KRAFT FAMILY, PATRIOTS FOUNDATION AND GILLETTE DONATE \$275,000 IN THE NAMES OF 2025 MYRA KRAFT COMMUNITY MVP AWARD WINNERS

Twenty-six volunteers were recognized during an awards luncheon at Gillette Stadium on Tuesday, June 3

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – On Tuesday, June 3, the Kraft Family and New England Patriots Foundation celebrated the 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award Winners. They recognized 26 volunteers for their contributions to the New England community at an awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. In total, \$275,000 in donations were distributed to the nonprofits represented by each volunteer. Twenty-five organizations each received \$10,000 and THE BASE received this year's grand prize of \$25,000.

Since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation have been recognizing volunteers for going above and beyond to give back to their communities through the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program.

"This year, once again, we have seen an inspiring group of individuals put forward by nonprofits from across New England – people who demonstrate compassion, dedication, and the power of service," **said Robert Kraft, Chairman and CEO of the Patriots.** "My late wife, Myra, of blessed memory, believed deeply in the importance of giving back and creating lasting change in the lives of others. It means so much to see our values reflected in these honorees, whose commitment to their communities exemplifies the Community MVP Awards."

Gillette, a longtime supporter of the New England Patriots and a cornerstone partner of the Patriots Foundation, served as the presenting sponsor for this year's program. On hand to congratulate the award winners were Patriots, College and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett and Gillette's VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley.

"We are honored to help celebrate the 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVPs—individuals whose tireless service and compassion make our communities stronger every day," **said Kara Buckley, Vice President of Community Affairs at Gillette.** "Their stories are a powerful reminder of the profound impact that acts of courage and generosity can have on those around us. At Gillette, we believe in celebrating those who bring out the best in others and we are proud to partner with the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation to recognize these remarkable volunteers who embody that ideal."

Kristin Der of Wellesley, Mass. was recognized as one of this year's honorees and presented with a \$10,000 donation for AllPaths Family Building.

"To be selected for the Maya Kraft Award is an honor I hold close to my heart. Maya Kraft's legacy of compassion, service, and unwavering commitment to community is deeply inspiring, and to be associated with her name is

both humbling and motivating,” **said Kristin.** “Volunteering has always been more than a responsibility to me — it’s a way of living with purpose. It’s about creating spaces where people feel seen, supported, and valued.”

After participating in the AllPath’s support groups back in 2020, Kristin wanted to give back to the organization that helped her. Kristin leads in-person and virtual support groups for people who are expecting after infertility, parenting, and experiencing loss. She also started a new support group for family building journeys impacted by a cancer diagnosis. Kristin has helped hundreds of people between leading groups and providing one-on-one support and mentorship to many who are navigating complicated family building journeys.

“Every opportunity to give back reminds me of the incredible resilience and generosity within our communities, and I feel grateful to play even a small part in that,” **said Kristin.** “This award isn’t just a recognition of past efforts, but a reminder to keep showing up, keep listening, and keep working toward a kinder, stronger world. I’m honored and thankful to be part of this meaningful tradition.”

The 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 21 to 94 years old and represent all six New England states. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, animals, sports, food insecurity, grief support, healthcare, military, homelessness, mental health and more.

Since its inception, the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program has recognized more than 525 volunteers and donated more than \$4 million to support nonprofit organizations across New England.

The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received close to 300 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open every February and the awards are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region.

For more information on the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards, please visit www.patriots.com/community.



Patriots Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett (far left) and Gillette’s VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley congratulate Kristin Der from AllPaths Family Building for being selected as a 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. During the June 3 luncheon, the Kraft family, the Patriots Foundation and Gillette awarded \$275,000 in grants to 26 New England nonprofits. AllPaths Family Building received a \$10,000 grant in honor of Kristin’s volunteer efforts. *(photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots)*



Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett and Procter & Gamble’s VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley take a group

photo with the 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners at Gillette Stadium. (*photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots*)

Below is a complete list of the 2025 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award Winners:

Name	Hometown	Organization	Organization Town
Katharine Bazinsky	Newton, Mass.	New England Hemophilia Association	Dedham, Mass.
Richard Benoit	Worcester, Mass.	Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange	Newton, Mass.
Reed Brockman	Marblehead, Mass.	The Engineering Center Education Trust	Boston, Mass.
Barbara Costas	Enfield, Conn.	Enfield Food Shelf, Inc.	Enfield, Conn.
Kristin Der	Wellesley, Mass.	AllPaths Family Building	Concord, Mass.
Michael Downing	Brockton, Mass.	The BASE (The Baseball Inc.)	Roxbury, Mass.
Marilyn Fitzgerald	Andover, Mass.	Merrimack Valley YMCA	Lawrence, Mass.
Arthur Flanders	Providence, R.I.	Nora's Haven	Providence, R.I.
Emery Gaudet	Leominster, Mass.	Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts	Leominster, Mass.
Bruce Goody	Needham, Mass.	Circle of Hope, Inc.	Needham, Mass.
Christine Hanko	South Windsor, Conn.	Dog Star Rescue	Canton, Conn.
Maureen Keeley	Portland, Maine	The Center for Grieving Children	Portland, Maine
Roger Lockwood	Norwood, Mass.	League School for Autism	Walpole, Mass.
Keith Man	West Concord, Mass.	Communities for Restorative Justice	Boston, Mass.
Michael Martel	Brockton, Mass.	The Charity Guild, Inc.	Brockton, Mass.
Joseph Merry	Vineyard Haven, Mass.	Hope Strengthens Foundation	Marblehead, Mass.
Victor Nussbaum	Framingham, Mass.	Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters	Waltham, Mass.
Marisa Paraschak	Naples, Maine	New England Breast Cancer Alliance	Naples, Maine
Leslie Radcliffe	New Haven, Conn.	Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven	New Haven, Conn.
Cheryl Ramsay	Topsham, Maine	NAMI Maine	Hallowell, Maine
Barry Star	Winchester, Mass.	Mass Teacher Resources	Woburn, Mass.
Jayna Stevens	Hooksett, N.H.	Manchester Police Athletic League	Manchester, N.H.
Paul Straughn	Easton, Mass.	Old Colony Hospice and Palliative Care	West Bridgewater, Mass.
Izumi Vazquez	Cambridge, Mass.	The Family Van (Harvard Medical Center)	Boston, Mass.
Jennifer Vertentes	Warwick, R.I.	The Hero Package Foundation	Warwick, R.I.
Susan Zekas	Moretown, Vt.	Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	Barre, Vt.

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