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ROBERT KRAFT AND THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS FOUNDATION DONATE \$275,000 IN THE NAMES OF 2019 MYRA KRAFT COMMUNITY MVP AWARD WINNERS

Twenty-six New Englanders were honored at Gillette Stadium during the 2019 Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards.

Jim Flatley from Cambridge, Mass. awarded \$10,000 grant for One Summit.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Every year since 1998, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots have been celebrating those who give their time to help others. The program was originally known as the Community Quarterback Awards and were presented to those who exemplify leadership, dedication and a commitment to improving their communities through volunteerism.

In 2011, the awards were renamed in honor of the late Myra Kraft who committed her life to volunteering. As part of the New England Patriots Foundation's ongoing Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, the Kraft family hosts a special luncheon each year to show their appreciation for local volunteers.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, 26 volunteers were recognized for their contributions at an awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. Twenty-five organizations received grants of \$10,000 in honor of their outstanding volunteers and one grand prize winner received a surprise \$25,000 donation.

On hand to congratulate the award winners were Patriots Chairman and CEO **Robert Kraft**, New England Patriots Foundation President **Joshua Kraft** and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer and Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs **Andre Tippett**.

"This event has always been one of my favorites because it not only highlights the organization that is positively impacting the lives of others in our communities, but it also allows us to shine a spotlight on each organization's most-deserving volunteer," said Robert Kraft. "The stories describing the many volunteers who are nominated each year are inspirational. They serve as a reminder of how much good there really is in the world and how committed some people are to making their community a better place."

Jim Flatley of Cambridge, Mass. was selected as one of this year's **\$10,000 winners** for his volunteer efforts at **One Summit** in **North Andover, Mass.**

One Summit's mission is to build resilience in pediatric cancer patients and their siblings through experiential learning with United States Navy SEALs, storytelling and community engagement. Through the Climb for Courage program, pediatric cancer patients and their siblings are matched one-on-one with US Navy SEALs and guided through a series of rock-climbing challenges and a curriculum based on teamwork, goal setting and overcoming adversity. The program facilitates long-lasting relationships and builds support systems for more than 90 families battling cancer each year.

As a SEAL team leader with more than 10 years of military experience, Jim has been recognized for his distinguished leadership and problem solving during high-risk situations. While he is still on active duty, he spends much of his free time volunteering for One Summit. He helps to recruit volunteers, participates in their programs and fundraisers for the nonprofit.

"Our Navy SEAL mentors are all exceptional people, dedicated to their country and our mission," said Dianne Lynch, Executive Director of One Summit. "But every once in a while, a person stands out and makes a lasting impression on

everyone they meet. Jim is that person, a decorated veteran, mentor, leader, fundraiser, advocate & storyteller. He epitomizes our mission of fostering strength and growth through adversity.”

“By being selected as a Myra Kraft Community MVP, I’m most excited for One Summit as an organization to get the recognition they so deserve,” said Jim. “The same goes for the kids of the foundation. I have no doubt that the role their extraordinary resilience plays in my volunteer story influenced my selection for this award.”

Jim was also matched up with an eight year old boy battling cancer and together, they share their story to help other families persevere through cancer treatments.

“I play a small part in the good that One Summit brings to so many families, and an even smaller part in the inspiration those families bring to us all,” said Jim. “It’s an honor to be associated with One Summit.”

“I could not think of a better award to honor his work than as a recipient Myra Kraft Community MVP Award,” said Dianne. “Myra was an icon in our community and dedicated her life to service. Inspiring many through her dedication to nonprofit work, she effected positive change, encouraged peace and diversity and supported the youth of our community. The motto we instill in our kids is to ‘Never Give Up.’ Myra lived that adage tenfold and Jim Flatley personifies her dedication to volunteerism.”

The 2019 Myra Kraft Community MVP winners range from 14 to 76 years old and represent every New England state. The selected nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, domestic violence prevention, healthcare, homelessness, mentoring and military support. The Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation received more than 350 applications this year from nonprofit organizations looking to recognize their outstanding volunteers. Nominations open each spring 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 Chairman and CEO **Robert Kraft** and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Andre Tippett** congratulate **Jim Flatley** from **One Summit** for being selected as a 2019 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. During the August 20 luncheon, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation awarded \$275,000 in grants to 26 New England nonprofits. One Summit received a \$10,000 grant in honor of his volunteer efforts. (photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots)



Patriots Chairman and CEO **Robert Kraft**, President of the New England Patriots Foundation **Josh Kraft** and Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Andre Tippett** smiled for a photo with all 26 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners at Gillette Stadium. The 26 volunteer winners range from 14 to 76 years old and represent every New England state. Winning nonprofits provide support for many causes, including education, domestic violence prevention, healthcare, homelessness, mentoring and military support. (photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots)

Below is a complete list of the 2019 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award Winners:

\$25,000 Grand Prize Winner

First and Last Name	Hometown	Organization	Organization Town
<i>Jillian Tsiplakis</i>	<i>Salisbury, Mass.</i>	<i>Stepping Stones Family Services</i>	<i>Haverhill, Mass.</i>

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<i>Sandra Aleman-Nijar</i>	<i>East Boston, Mass.</i>	<i>East Boston Soup Kitchen</i>	<i>East Boston, Mass.</i>
<i>Richard Bachand</i>	<i>Newington, Conn.</i>	<i>New Britain Brawlers</i>	<i>Newington, Conn.</i>
<i>Georgina Bogert</i>	<i>Manchester, N.H.</i>	<i>Manchester Police Athletic League</i>	<i>Manchester, N.H.</i>
<i>Esta Cohen</i>	<i>East Greenwich, R.I.</i>	<i>Dress for Success Providence</i>	<i>Providence, R.I.</i>
<i>Jason D'Amico</i>	<i>Freeport, Maine</i>	<i>Maine Boys to Men</i>	<i>Falmouth, Maine</i>
<i>Tammy de la Cruz</i>	<i>Groton, Conn.</i>	<i>Community Speaks Out</i>	<i>Groton, Conn.</i>
<i>Timothy Flanigan</i>	<i>Tiverton, R.I.</i>	<i>Star Kids Scholarship Program</i>	<i>Middletown, R.I.</i>
<i>Jim Flatley</i>	<i>Cambridge, Mass.</i>	<i>One Summit</i>	<i>N. Andover, Mass.</i>
<i>Alexander Galinelli</i>	<i>Warren, R.I.</i>	<i>Central Fire Company</i>	<i>Warren, R.I.</i>
<i>Amanda Gonzales</i>	<i>Marblehead, Mass.</i>	<i>Plummer Youth Promise</i>	<i>Salem, Mass.</i>
<i>Noelle Gregoire</i>	<i>Haverhill, Mass.</i>	<i>Laps 4 Backs</i>	<i>Haverhill, Mass.</i>
<i>Edward Ithier</i>	<i>Hookset, N.H.</i>	<i>Webster House</i>	<i>Manchester, N.H.</i>
<i>Kristen Johnson</i>	<i>Dunbarton, N.H.</i>	<i>Bethany Christian Services of New England</i>	<i>Candia, N.H.</i>
<i>Sesay Johnson</i>	<i>Bellingham, Mass.</i>	<i>GrowHope Foundation</i>	<i>Brockton, Mass.</i>
<i>Elizabeth Keeling</i>	<i>Taunton, Mass.</i>	<i>Families for Depression Awareness</i>	<i>Waltham, Mass.</i>
<i>Noelle Lambert</i>	<i>Manchester, N.H.</i>	<i>Born to Run Foundation</i>	<i>Medfield, Mass.</i>
<i>Kelly Ohlrich</i>	<i>Jamaica Plain, Mass.</i>	<i>The Sharewood Project at Tufts</i>	<i>Boston, Mass.</i>
<i>Scott Paganelli</i>	<i>Georgetown, Mass.</i>	<i>Family Services of the Merrimack Valley</i>	<i>Lawrence, Mass.</i>
<i>Douglas Phillips</i>	<i>Woodstock, Vt.</i>	<i>Zach's Place Enrichment Center</i>	<i>Woodstock, Vt.</i>
<i>Felicia Puadano</i>	<i>Danbury, Conn.</i>	<i>Women's Center of Greater Danbury</i>	<i>Danbury, Conn.</i>
<i>Steven Roy</i>	<i>Bridgewater, Mass.</i>	<i>Comfort Zone Camp</i>	<i>Bridgewater, Mass.</i>
<i>Jerome Shanahan</i>	<i>Concord, Mass.</i>	<i>Salute Military Golf Association</i>	<i>Concord, Mass.</i>
<i>Therese Stafford</i>	<i>Coventry, R.I.</i>	<i>Women & Infants Hospital</i>	<i>Providence, R.I.</i>
<i>Thelma Velasquez</i>	<i>Lynn, Mass.</i>	<i>Lynn Economic Opportunity</i>	<i>Lynn, Mass.</i>
<i>Brenda Venice</i>	<i>Fall River, Mass.</i>	<i>National Alliance on Mental Illness</i>	<i>Fall River, Mass.</i>

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