



## MEDIA ADVISORY

*For Immediate Release*

### **UnitedHealthcare and Patriots Tight End Hunter Henry to Donate Tennis Shoes to Foster Children in New England**

**WHAT:** UnitedHealthcare and New England Patriots Tight End Hunter Henry are donating brand new shoes to foster care children from Communities for People to encourage kids to live an active lifestyle and spend more time playing outdoors.

The purchase of the new shoes is funded by a \$15,000 UnitedHealthcare grant to the Dreambuilders Foundation. New England media are invited to attend the brief distribution event at Dean College in Franklin, MA, where Communities for People and UnitedHealthcare volunteers will help fit and distribute shoes to local children.

Hunter Henry and representatives from UnitedHealthcare and Communities for People will be made available to attending media for comment. Communities for People runs a variety of residential programs for foster youth in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

**WHO:**  
Hunter Henry, New England Patriots  
Joe Leavey, President & Founder, Communities for People  
John Madondo, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Massachusetts

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, June 15**  
**4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**WHERE:** **Dean College**  
**55 Emmons Street**  
**Franklin, MA 02038**

**MEDIA:** Photo/B-roll opportunities of the event.  
Interviews are available upon request with representatives from participating organizations.

#### **About Dreambuilders**

The Dreambuilders Foundation is a non-profit organization that works with pro athletes across the country to help financially, physically and mentally challenged kids receive the items, opportunities and equipment they need to achieve their dreams. Founded by former NFL linebacker Akin Ayodele, Dreambuilders partners with athletes to “captain” one or more of its programs benefiting kids in the athlete’s city of choice. The foundation partners with grassroots children’s charities in each city to give them access to funding and support they would not otherwise receive. For more information, visit [www.dreambuildersfoundation.com](http://www.dreambuildersfoundation.com).

#### **About Communities for People**

For over 45 years Communities for People, (CFP), has remained a leader in community-based approaches to support children, youth and families in the state foster care system. We offer a wide range of impactful programs and services in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including family support and preservation, treatment foster

care and adoption support, and a variety of small residential and independent living programs for teens. We focus on achieving permanency, making lifelong connections within the community, and developing independent living skills. In 2021, CFP matched 73 youth with foster families and there are over 400,000 kids in foster care nationwide. The need for foster care parents is critical. Our goal at CFP is to provide youth and families with the services and support they need to thrive independently and as part of their communities. For more information, visit <https://www.communities-for-people.org/> or follow @<https://www.facebook.com/CFPkids/> on Facebook.

#### **About UnitedHealthcare**

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and making the health system work better for everyone by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. In the United States, UnitedHealthcare offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers, and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1.5 million physicians and care professionals, and 7,000 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. The company also provides health benefits and delivers care to people through owned and operated health care facilities in South America. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified health care company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at [www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com) or follow @UHC on Twitter.

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