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## **CHALLENGE YOURSELF To Change LIVES At The 19th ANNUAL BEST BUDDIES CHALLENGE**

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Tom Brady, New England Patriots Quarterback and Best Buddies Global Ambassador, will serve as Honorary Co-Chair, along with Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri and Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, III. During the Challenge, Event Chair Ted English, Executive Chairman of Bob's Discount Furniture, will help honor Eaton Vance Management with the 2018 Spirit of Leadership award.

Several New England Patriots Players, past and present including Tedy Bruschi, Julian Edelman, James White, Chris Hogan, Christian Fauria, Dan Koppen, Jason McCourty, Devin McCourty and Scott Zolak are expected to attend the Best Buddies Tom Brady Football Challenge at Harvard Stadium.

Other Celebrities, Professional Athletes and Special Guests expected to participate in the Challenge Weekend, include Actor Greg Germann; Model and Influencer Victoria Brito; ESPN NFL analyst Adam Schefter; Miss USA 2018 Sarah Summers and Miss Teen USA 2018 Hailey Colborn; and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker.

Also returning this year is the Guy Cooking With Best Buddies Celebrity Chef Food and Wine Festival, presented by Pepsi-Cola and Shaw's and Star Market Foundation. This Culinary Festival will feature over 30 Chefs from Top Local Restaurants providing Delectable Food Tastings and a Variety of Complimentary Wine and Beer Options, all for a Great Cause. Steve DiFillippo, founder of the Renowned Davio's Restaurant Group, Randy Greenstein, Principle Owner of Big Night Entertainment Group, and Michael Schlow of Tico Boston will serve as the special Chef Vice-Chairs of the Event.

During the Food and Wine Festival, Best Buddies and Foxwoods Resort Casino will introduce the First-Ever Food Festival Awards Presentation to honor the Most Notable Restaurants and Chefs at this Popular Event. At the End of the Evening, Felix Rappaport, President & CEO of Foxwoods Resort Casino, will join Anthony Kennedy Shriver on stage to present the People's Choice Awards to the Top Three Stations that served the Best Dishes of the Evening, as voted by Guests.

On Saturday, June 2, Hundreds of Cyclists, including Professional Cyclists George Hincapie and Christian Vande Velde will take the Starting Line at Santander Bank for the Picturesque 100-Mile Ride Portion of the Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port, from Boston to Hyannis Port. The Challenge is open to Participants of all Ages and Abilities and is designed to showcase the Best Buddies Mission in Action. It also features Alternative 50 and 20-Mile Cycling Routes, as well as the Carl Lewis Challenge, a 5K run or walk.

The Challenge will be capped off by a New England-style Clambake and Private Concert by the Legendary Rick Springfield, which all Participants and Special Guests are invited to attend.

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