

Flutie Foundation, Santa surprise Roslindale family

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism surprised one special family in need this holiday with a Christmas tree and present delivery from Santa.

The Flutie Foundation is helping to deliver Christmas trees to autism families in need this season, in partnership with Lowe's and their disbursement of \$1 million in Christmas trees with the help of nonprofit partners across America.

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About the Flutie Foundation

Former NFL quarterback Doug Flutie, and his wife Laurie started the Doug Flutie, Jr. Flutie Foundation for Autism in 1998 after their son, Dougie, was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. Their personal experience of raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired

them to help others on an equally long and challenging journey. Over its 20-year history, the Flutie Foundation has distributed over \$15 million to schools and organizations who provide clinical therapies, respite services, recreational programs, social skills training, job supports and more for people affected by autism. The Flutie Foundation also provides education technology tools, adaptive camp scholarships, safety equipment, and direct family support through its partnerships and special initiatives.





Olga Marin from Roslindale and two children Leo, 13, and Lily, 7, with Nick Savarese, executive director of the Flutie Foundation and Santa. [COURTESY PHOTO]

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