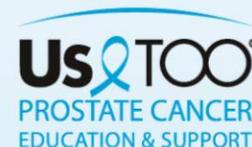


December 20, 2012

Someone to talk to...  
who understands!



Dear Friends of Us TOO and Chapter/Support Group Leaders,

I know all of us here are very pleased to be able to send along the January 2013 edition of the *HotSheet*. As I write this we are being warned about our first real snow storm coming in this afternoon and lasting through the night. Our printer just dropped the *HotSheets* off and hopefully our volunteers and staffers can make it in to the office tomorrow morning to pack up our envelopes.

As you may know, the Us TOO Board members, volunteers and staff just held our 2012 Annual Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and we were able to have a moving Awards dinner, a fantastic Bill Blair Memorial Lecture presented by Autumn Barber and a productive Board meeting on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. This gave us all opportunity to feel the importance of our mission and recognize the warriors who are fighting this disease.

You can see the 2012 Edward Kaps Award winners on our Us TOO website and I am so pleased we were able to recognize James Coffey from Connecticut, Linda Hoetger from Ohio, Dave & Donna Evans from IL, Dr. Alfred Brathwaite, Corydon Mitchell, Rudy Sands and Rev. Percy Kemp from the Bahamas. Their stories and activities are solid testimony for all of us on the importance of our cause. We appreciate all of you who responded to our call for nominees.

At the Board meeting we also spent time reviewing 2012 activities and accomplishments and discussing our Strategic Plan and directions for the next two years. Us TOO is in a transition as our current Board Chairman, long term support group leader Kay Lowmaster from PA and our current Vice-Chairman, Dave Houchens from Ohio are both reaching their term limits at the end of 2013. The Board did vote to have them continue to serve in these roles during 2013 and also elected Jean Jeffries from Idaho as Us TOO's Treasurer and Howard Kaczmarek from Washington State as our 2013 Secretary. They will make up the Board's Executive committee for this coming year.

Recognition was given to Jack Shaff and Ridge Taylor who will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. They also welcomed the recently elected Jeff Mills from Georgia to the Board through 2014. There are many challenges and work to get on with as we conclude 2012 and look forward to 2013. The Board agreed on priority areas such as 1) raising more money to serve more people, 2) looking into ways to have more people know about our organization and our services, 3) enhancing our website and our electronic communications, 4) increasing staff as budgets increase and 5) moving forward with projects such as the Us TOO University Town Hall meetings to improve and expand collaborations with our support group network.

Hopefully, you have seen the 2012 Hope Campaign requests in emails, on the website or in the postcards we have created. Please contribute financially as you make your year-end gifts and for those of you who have...my sincere appreciation to you!

My best to you all,

T. N. Kirk, President & CEO



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