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Someone to talk to...
who understands!



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

Happy Holidays! As a wrap-up for this year, we've included a list of all 2014 *HotSheet* articles in the enclosed issue of the [HotSheet for January 2015](#).

As we look to the New Year, we're very proud and excited to be hosting the **Us TOO 25th Anniversary "Take Action – Get Connected!" Educational Symposium & Celebration** on June 19th & 20th, (Friday & Saturday) at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. Mark your calendars and join us for presentations, panel discussions and patient/caregiver Q&A sessions with some of the best medical specialists in prostate cancer along with key industry leaders presenting the latest treatment information. This milestone event will help inform and empower prostate cancer survivors, support group leaders, spouses/partners, advocates and members of other prostate cancer nonprofit organizations.

Another highlight early in 2015 will be **public policy advocacy training** on February 6 - 8 in Chicago. In partnership with the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalition (NASPCC), this event will provide substantive training specific to leveraging opportunities to impact prostate cancer legislation.

On December 5th we honored eight 2014 **Edward C. Kaps HOPE Award recipients**. Six of them attended a roundtable discussion in Chicago with the Us TOO board of directors prior to an award ceremony. We thank and congratulate each of them for providing extraordinary service and commitment to the prostate cancer community:

- Rick Davis** – San Rafael / Marin County, CA
- Joe Dickey** – Spartanburg, SC
- Patrick Fisher** – Rochester, NY
- Roy Francis** – Mornington Peninsula, Australia
- Dick Gillespie** (In Memoriam) – Richmond, VA
- Jim Kiefert** – Olympia, WA
- Dominic Marrese** – Wilmington, NC
- Bob Wright** – Austin, TX

The Us TOO board of directors meeting was held on the following day, December 6th. Peter Friend, Chad Little and Jim Schraidt were elected as **new members of the board** as Dexter Rumsey and Jeff Mills completed their term in office. One seat on the board of directors is open and we invite interested candidates to contact me to discuss the opportunity to serve the prostate cancer community through a leadership position with Us TOO.

I was in Washington, DC, earlier this week to attend **collaborative meetings** with several of the prostate cancer nonprofit organizations from across the country. We reviewed and discussed the public policy agenda and will be examining modifications and developing an implementation strategy in early 2015.

If you're interested in prostate cancer information from Europe, **check out Europa Uomo**, a newsletter of the 23 European member forums dedicated to improving knowledge of cancer of the prostate ([CLICK HERE](#)).

And if you haven't already done so, please **support our "Thanks and Giving" holiday campaign** with a year-end, tax deductible donation to Us TOO to help fund support services, education resources and advocacy/awareness initiatives we provide to the prostate cancer community free of charge. **To donate, please visit** ([CLICK HERE](#)).

My best to you and yours this holiday season!

T. N. Kirk, President & CEO

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