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Someone to talk to...
who understands!



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

I am very pleased we are sending along the June *HotSheet*. I want to thank all of you that responded to the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) call for volunteers to serve as Consumer Reviewers again this year. I have received inquiries from over 30 of you!

As I write this note, Monday's release of the USPSTF final report fall-out still lingers in the air and I am receiving many calls, emails and seeing articles and tweet sessions going on about this topic. I want to thank all of you on both sides of this issue for speaking up and making your voices heard. More than ever we will need to be available for men and their families to offer help when they are making tough decisions in such confusing times.

Many of you have suggested we need to work together more in the prostate cancer community and I am pleased to say that through the Prostate Cancer Roundtable, we did just that. You can see the joint Press Release issued on Monday on the Roundtable website at [joint press release](#). Comments have been issued by many organizations as you may have seen and you can find details on the USPSTF report at [final recommendation](#).

Now as we look to June, we know that Men's Health initiatives and Father's Day events are celebrated mid-month. As a Team member of the *On the Line* initiative we are aware that they will be launching an awareness campaign next week, so look for messages on this coming from us and other organizations who are participating.

As you recall last month we included a great deal of information in the mailing and there was a Pledge Form and information on the Annual Birdies for Charity fundraising event sponsored by John Deere. As I mentioned through participation in this event, donation dollars can support Us TOO. Bill Palos is making this happen again this year and Us TOO's charity number is #1391. You can get involved by going to the website at www.birdiesforcharity.com. As Bill tells me you can win great prizes and note the deadline for submission is July 13th so you have time to spread the word and get others involved. This is a fun way to support Us TOO with much needed donations. Also look for Pints for Prostates events such as the one I will be attending in Seattle in mid-June.

Finally, as I mentioned last month, it is not too early to plan your September "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" activities. If you live in Chicago, join us for the 8th Annual SEA Blue Walk/Run event set for Sunday September 16th, information on participating is available at seablueprostatewalk.org. I also strongly encourage you to join me and attend Zero's 2012 Summit on September 11-13, look for the Us TOO code (ustoo2012) for a 30% discount at their registration site <http://zerocancer.org/get-involved/summit/>.

Sincerely,

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