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Someone to talk to . . . who understands

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Dear Us TOO Support Group Leaders and Friends:

We are very pleased to be able to send the March 2009 *HotSheet*. I want to thank all of you who have donated to the home office to help us continue to provide the *Hot Sheet* at no cost once again.

Please note the Advocacy Alert on page 7 and let your elected officials know prostate cancer research (especially DOD research) is important to you. Since I last wrote (and mentioned the advocacy information on the DOD in last month's *Chapter News!*) we have worked with America's prostate cancer organizations such as the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Zero, the project to end prostate cancer, Men's Health Network the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions on this project.

Please look at the new *Fund Prostate Cancer Research Now* website that we developed on this issue at

http://www.fundresearchnow.org/site/c.grKIIYPGIqE/b.4918309/k.BE <u>D1/Home.htm</u> and use the information *to take action*.

As you will see in this March 2009 issue of the *HotSheet* we have information on a recent consensus conference at NIH on the need for improved imaging in the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. This is one of the advocacy priorities of Us TOO and we want to provide support for this issue. Many of you have just received an email on this issue and your support is sought to direct attention to this issue as well.

Also please note that we are seeking your support for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Us TOO Online Auction which will take place in June. We are seeking donated items and your help in spreading the word. This event is a fun way to help those of us here at Us TOO's home office deliver the support and education so needed.

Here at the home office, we are working on closing 2008 and doing our annual audit. I sure appreciate the year-end financial information we have been receiving from many of you. Thank you so much!

Thomas Kirk,

President and CEO