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*Someone to talk to...
who understands!*



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

The [HotSheet December 2013](#) edition is here. I am pleased and thankful to Dr. Chodak and Dr. Moyad for once again finding the time to contribute content to the newsletter – especially since I frequently hear comments from many of you specifically about the substantive information and expert perspective they provide.

As most of you know, the deadline for accepting contributions for the September SEA Blue Prostate Cancer Walk & Run was October 31st. I am especially pleased with the support we received from UroPartners, who joined Us TOO and Wellness Place as a presenting organization. They stepped up and helped us in many ways this year and we appreciate their hard work and commitment.

The SEA Blue presenting organizations are discussing the strategy for next year and a possible 10th annual event. There's also discussion in the home office and at the board level about partnering with others in our network to do awareness events in other communities. Please let us know if you're interested in raising awareness and funds in your local community through a SEA Blue event, or another activity such as Pints for Prostates or Pours for Prostates.

Thanksgiving next week and the upcoming holiday season coincide with our end-of-year fundraising theme of "Be Thankful. Pay it Forward." I want to thank those of you who've already supported the campaign with a donation. We're off to a good start and it's important that we keep the momentum going as we look to the end of the year. When the board of directors passed our new strategic plan back in March, they set goals to increase our donations to align with the new budget. In order for Us TOO to remain viable and active, we need to improve our financial position. Please do what you can to help us continue to deliver on our mission to provide educational materials and resources free of charge.

The Us TOO board of directors will gather during the first week of December for the annual meeting. The agenda will include thanking our outgoing board members for their leadership: Chairman Kay Lowmaster, Vice-Chairman Dave Houchens, Secretary Howard Kaczmarek, Treasurer Jean Jeffries, and Board Member Hal Teuscher. We'll also be welcoming new members elected to the board during the September meeting: Chairman Jim Rieder, Vice-Chairman Jeff Mills, Secretary Bill Seidel, and Treasurer Todd Ahrens. We appreciate the effort of our current and departing board members, and we thank the new officers for their willingness to serve the organization moving forward.

Finally, I want to give you all a heads-up that after more than a decade at our current address, Us TOO corporate headquarters is moving to a new location closer to O'Hare Airport. Although we've not yet set an official moving date, we've already started the process of "packing it up and moving it out," which will continue through the end of the year.

My best to you all,

T. N. Kirk, President & CEO



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