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

I hope that you're off to a strong start in the New Year and that the **February 2015 issue of the [HotSheet](#)** finds you doing well!

We'd like to **thank everyone who responded to our "Thanks and Giving" holiday campaign** with a tax-deductible donation to Us TOO to help fund the support services, education resources and advocacy/awareness initiatives that we provide to the prostate cancer community free of charge.

We're very excited to be partnering with the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalition (NASPCC) to co-present *How the System Works and How to Work the System™* February 6 - 8 in Chicago. It's a **public policy advocacy train-the-trainer course** developed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to leverage opportunities to impact prostate cancer legislation and policy. We received very enthusiastic response from the prostate cancer community and event attendance has already reached maximum capacity.

Check out another advocacy opportunity—the **ZERO Prostate Cancer Summit in Washington, D.C.**, March 16 - 18. This annual event helps to raise awareness about prostate cancer within our federal government, state legislatures, and local communities. Hope to see you there!

You may have noticed our new letterhead stationery. "Take Action – Get Connected!" is the mantra for the **Us TOO 25th Anniversary Educational Symposium & Celebration** scheduled for June 19 & 20, (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.

And while you're marking your calendar, please also note that the **11th Annual SEA Blue Chicago Prostate Cancer Walk & Run** will be either Sunday, September 13, or Sunday, September 20, at Lincoln Park in Chicago. We'll confirm the date ASAP.

Support group services now include another option of calling in to a **phone conversation with fellow prostate cancer survivors** who have joined together under the banner of "The Reluctant Brotherhood." Every Monday night there's a lightly-moderated conference call for men to talk about whatever aspect of prostate cancer they choose to discuss. The focus of the calls alternates every other week between topics that affect newly diagnosed/active surveillance and topics about advanced disease. Check out all the details at www.thereluctantbrotherhood.com.

We're very excited to welcome **Amy Kenrich Woods** to Us TOO as the director of development and fundraising! Although Amy's new to the Us TOO staff, she's been a pivotal member of the SEA Blue walk/run management team since the event started back in 2005. Amy can be reached by calling the home office or at amyw@ustoo.org.

My best to you,



T. N. Kirk, President & CEO



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by—people directly affected
by prostate cancer. We're a
501(c)3 nonprofit established in
1990 that serves as a resource
of volunteers with peer-to-
peer support and educational
materials to help men and
their families/caregivers make
informed decisions about
prostate cancer detection,
treatment options and
related side effects.*

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