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Dear Us TOO Support Group/Chapter Leaders and Friends,

I am pleased to enclose the November 2010 edition the *HotSheet*. I am also pleased to say that earlier this week, we also completed and shared the October issue of the *Chapter News*. And I am happy that last week we were able to hold the October 13<sup>th</sup> webinar/teleconference “*Understanding Diagnostic Testing for Prostate Cancer*”.

This follows the very full and active months of August--when we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an outstanding symposium and summit, and September--when we all dove into Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with growing numbers of events and activities. The Board of Directors even met for its quarterly Board meeting in late September and welcomed two new members. I believe together we have established great momentum...hard work pays off and feels good!

As we look ahead, you will see in both the *HotSheet* and in the *Chapter News* that the issue of CMS's November 17 meeting of its Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) has our continued attention. We continue to ask you to sign the petition, please help us appear at the meeting with new levels of support from the prostate cancer community.

You will also see the announcement that we are seeking nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edward C. Kaps Hope Awards for outstanding support group leaders in 2010. Our plans are to present the awards at the Us TOO Annual Meeting and Us TOO quarterly Board meeting on Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4, 2010 here in Chicago. Help us recognize those deserving people out there.

You may recall that Russ Gould, from the Bill Blair Chapter, is one of the 2009 Ed Kaps Award winners. We are sharing with you a free copy of the “Cancer Fighters Thrive” magazine which has an article we developed which features Russ's work (find at [www.cfthrive.com](http://www.cfthrive.com)). Russ is a personal hero of mine and I believe he represents what passion and action can do. As the article title says “Support Saves Lives” and you have a treat on page 30 of this magazine when you see what Russ is doing.

We are aware that Russ is not alone in his dedicated efforts, you can see in our publications that we are sharing what others are doing as well to encourage and support your volunteer work. We know that together we are strong and effective and sharing can get us to the new heights we seek. Thanks for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Kirk, President and CEO



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