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Dear Us TOO Support Group/Chapter Leaders and Friends,

As we end 2010, it is so exciting to forward the first edition of the HotSheet for 2011. We had opportunity a few weeks ago when we held our Annual meeting and Fourth Quarter Us TOO Board meeting to reflect on the year and look ahead to 2011.

This year was special to Us TOO as we focused on our 20th Anniversary with the highly visible 20th Anniversary Summit, Symposium and Celebration event in August. We now have videos of the sessions available on our website and are having DVDs made. We anticipate many support group leaders will find them useful for their group meetings.

We were able to recognize several outstanding Board members, Greg Bielawski and Carl Frankel for their years of service, welcome a new Board member Jack Shaff as well as elect another, Howard Kaczmarek to serve starting January 1, 2011, listen to two knowledgeable presenters and present the Edward C. Kaps “Hope Awards” to five deserving and dedicated people. Their work and remarks at the meeting were inspirational and moving.

Congratulations go to William “Bill” Whitmore from Sutherland, MA; Craig Schmidt from Port Jefferson, NY; George Melton from Peoria, IL; Judi Sumoski from Lancaster, PA and Willie Cotton from Sierra Vista, AZ for their awards.

In this HotSheet mailing we have also included information on clinical trials. This brochure was developed by USHIFU and describes new clinical trials with High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU). Also in the area of clinical trials, we did hear just after the HotSheet was sent to the printer that there are new sites available for trials with Abiraterone. Requests should be directed to (800) 457-6399 or MEDINFO1@obius.jnj.com

So far, we know the site are: North Shore, Long Island-Dr Jeffrey Vacirca; Del Ray, CA – Dr. M. Scholz; Boca Raton community, Boca Raton, FL-Dr. A. Koletsky; Stamford, CT – Hematology, Oncology- Dr. Cohen and Atlanta, GA-Peachtree Hematology, Oncology- Dr. Assikis.

Finally, I want to wrap-up by encouraging you to include Us TOO in your holiday and year end giving. Please support our mission to have available a strong volunteer support network, great and powerful educational materials and events, as well as active voices talking about prostate cancer risk and the need to bring attention to prostate cancer issues by our elected officials.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Kirk, President and CEO