May 29, 2009

Dear Us TOO Support Group/Chapter Leaders and Friends,

As you may recall, last month I needed to ask for more help in covering costs of mailing the May HotSheet and announced changes in sending the HotSheet. We have heard from a good number of you who do want us to mail printed copies of the HotSheet and I am very thankful to those of you that will be covering shipping costs.

For those of you that did not respond, or chose not to have the HotSheet mailed to you, we are sending one copy this month just in case some of you did not notice my letter last month. Please feel free to contact Terri and/or Jackie here at the office if you have questions.

We are also committed to continuing the Chapter News! as well as the monthly HotSheet and both will remain available on the website for free. Terri will have it up on the website next week and you can print it from there or contact her to have it emailed to you. Despite the challenging economy, we want to stay in touch.

This month, we have also enclosing a flyer for the 4th Annual Us TOO Online Auction which will run from June 8th through the 23rd. Please contact Ryan at the home office if you can donate items and please spread to word on this fun event that can provide some support for Us TOO.

As you will see in this June 2009 issue of the HotSheet we have information on many of the high profile announcements from the April American Urological Association (AUA) meeting held here in Chicago this year. The AUA announced new prostate cancer screening recommendations, there was data announced on dutasteride’s (Avodart) use to lower prostate cancer risk and really positive news on Provenge extending median survival by 4.1 months and improved 4 year survival by 38%. Us TOO was very active at the meeting and on page 2 we are carrying a news story about Learning and Loving with Prostate Cancer.

We have also just completed the new Signposts publication with is a companion brochure for the Pathways publication. Signposts is meant to help men and their families who are newly diagnosed or have a recurrence to understand better the many diagnostic tests and procedures. We are enclosing one free copy in this mailing and more can be found on our webpage.

Finally, we are enclosing the first announcement of the 2009 Prostate Cancer Conference produced by PCRI. The conference will be held again in Los Angeles and is scheduled for September 12-13, 2009.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Kirk, President and CEO