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US TOO ANNOUNCES 2005 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Downers Grove, IL (March 25, 2005) – Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network announces its 2005 Officers and Board of Directors. The new Board members will lead Us TOO in its grassroots efforts of educating individuals about prostate cancer treatment options, and providing a support group network to patients and their families.

New Executive Committee Members:

Jim Kiefert, Ed.D., Chairman (Olympia, WA): Kiefert was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1989. Kiefert retired in 2001 as a school district superintendent having spent 41 years in education serving as a math/science teacher, University professor and public school administrator. Kiefert served as Executive Secretary of the Washington Educational Research Association for 19 years and is active in prostate cancer support groups in The Dalles, OR and Olympia, WA.

Donald R. Lynam, Ph.D., Vice Chairman (Lexington, KY): Lynam is a prostate cancer survivor, diagnosed in 1997, and active in the Richmond, VA Chapter of Us TOO. He has served as Chairman of the Us TOO Legislative Advocacy Committee and participated in the Search Committee for its President/CEO. In 1999 and 2000, Lynam participated as a consumer reviewer in the U.S. Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program.

Greg Beliewski, Treasurer (Carol Stream, IL): Bielawski is a prostate cancer survivor diagnosed in 1999 and is active in many cancer education and advocacy organizations such as the National Cancer Institute's Consumer Advocates in Research and Related Activities (CARRA) network, and the American Cancer Society, of which he is DuPage (IL) Regional Chairman and an Illinois Division Board member.

Jo Ann Hardy, Secretary (Detroit, MI): Hardy is the first woman to serve on the Us TOO Board of Directors. In September 2000, Hardy's husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Hardy is active on the national and local level as she and her husband are members of the local Us TOO group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, MI. She is Director of Corporate Events for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

New Board of Directors Members:

Chris Bennett (Crystal Lake, IL) is Chairman of the Board of Centegra Health System, a large healthcare institution in northern Illinois, and Senior Vice President of Althoff Industries, a large mechanical contractor in Crystal Lake, where he has served for 34 years.

Carl Frankel (Pittsburgh, PA) served as General Counsel to the United Steelworkers of America, overseeing all of the Union's legal affairs in the U.S. and Canada. Much of his early career was devoted to collective bargaining, among both small and large firms, for a rich history that involved the tire and aluminum industry as well as basic steel.

Bill Palos (Cosi Valley, IL) is retired from civil service as Chief of Quality for Artillery and Small Arms with the U.S. Army and Munitions Command, located at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL. He is active in Us TOO as a Regional Director in the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois, which has given him deep experience in chapter start-up and development.

Jim Raby (New Orleans, LA) had a 27 year career in insurance and 12 years as an Adult Education Coordinator. Raby has devoted much time and effort to educating men about Prostate Cancer and has worked with a variety of state and local Louisiana organizations, including forming and leading local Us TOO Chapters. He also serves as the Us TOO Regional Director for Louisiana.

New President/CEO:

Thomas Kirk (Downers Grove, IL) brings over 30 years of experience as a family services leader and a personal interest as his father-in-law died from prostate cancer. Kirk brings expertise in the care issues of an aging population having worked with Mather Lifeways in Evanston, IL, the Belmont Corporation headquartered in Houston, TX, and Garden Terrace Associates headquartered in Cleveland, TN, where he managed a series of Alzheimer's Disease Centers of Excellence. He served on the Senior Management Team at the National Alzheimer's Association headquartered in Chicago, IL.

Current Board of Directors Members:

Russell Gould (Des Plaines, IL) was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998. An active plastics engineer, he runs RG Associates - a consulting firm to the plastics industry. Gould has served on the Us TOO Board of Directors since 2000, serving as Vice Chairman from 2002-2004, and is currently the Chairman of the Chapters Committee.

Tom Hiatt, Esq. (Hilton, NY) retired after 32 years at Eastman Kodak Company. Hiatt was diagnosed with prostate cancer at age 60. He is chair of two captive insurance companies, which provide medical malpractice coverage to physicians and hospitals; life trustee & past chair of CGR, a regional think tank; and has served on two hospital boards as well as the boards of other educational, social and professional organizations.

Robert F. Hustead, M.D. (Wichita, KS) was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1992. Dr. Hustead spent five years at Johns Hopkins Hospital and left there as an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Obstetrics to go to the University of Kansas as an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. He was one of the founders and first president of the Society of Obstetrical Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) and of the Ophthalmic Anesthesia Society (OAS).

Robert Fidoten, Ph.D. (Pittsburgh, PA) retired from PPG Industries in Pittsburgh in 1989, and since then he has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at Slippery Rock University, Pittsburgh, PA. He earned his Ph.D. in Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Harry Pinchot (Los Angeles, CA) was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1995. He is active in several nationally recognized prostate cancer advocacy groups, and works for the Prostate Cancer Research Institute (PCRI). He is also a frequent speaker at national and regional prostate cancer conferences. Harry has been involved with Us TOO as a Regional Director and chapter leader.

Joe Piper (Houston, TX) worked in marketing and executive positions in the chemical industry for three decades, retiring from Gulf Oil in 1982. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1993, at which time he joined the Houston chapter of Us TOO, focusing mainly on outreach projects. He joined the Us TOO Board of Directors in 2000.

About Us TOO

Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network is a nonprofit, grassroots organization started in 1990 by prostate cancer survivors for prostate cancer patients, survivors, their spouses/partners and families. Us TOO, through its more than 325 chapters throughout the United States and internationally, helps men and their families learn more about prostate cancer so they can make better decisions on treatment options and cope with the emotional and quality of life issues following treatment. Us TOO and its chapters reach more than 50,000 men per month through discussion groups, lectures, publications, and presentations by medical professionals. Visit www.ustoo.org or call 800-808-78866 for more information.