

Prostate Cancer Survivor Charlie Wilson Brings Awareness

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Charlie Wilson is on a mission. He's taking advantage of his celebrity to bring awareness to prostate cancer.

A survivor of the disease, the singer wants to send a message to African American men, alerting them of the issue through national campaign, M.A.P. (Making Awareness a Priority).

Charlie wants to talk to African-American men and their families about prostate cancer and its disproportionate impact on the African-American community. With the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any race in the U.S., African-American men are 2.4 times more likely to die from the disease than Caucasian men.

"When I first learned I had prostate cancer, I thought my career was over. I thought it was a wrap for me," said Wilson, but his wife quickly proved to be his greatest supporter. "My wife stood tall and told me we were going to get through it. You just have to have a positive heart and go on. That's what we did and now I want others to know about the resources that are available to them."

M.A.P. is bringing leading voices together to make an incredible impact in the fight against cancer, and the campaign kicks off the National Minority Health Month and National Minority Cancer Awareness Week. The program begins April 21 in Atlanta.