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**Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to inspire and fundraise at
Annual Black, White & Teal Gala on April 22
*WCCO's Kim Johnson Included as Special Guest***

(Minneapolis, MINN. February 15, 2017). A new location, a new city – but the same inspirational Gala that Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance supporters have come to know and love.

Join the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) at the annual Black, White & Teal Gala on Saturday, April 22 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis. Tickets are on sale now for the event for \$125 per person. Personal and corporate table sponsorships are also available for \$1,500 and \$2,500.

The Black, White & Teal Gala is an annual fundraiser for MOCA, a Minnesota-based non-profit dedicated to raising awareness, providing support and funding the research needed to detect ovarian cancer early and treat it properly. Celebrating 18 years in 2017, MOCA is a leader in ovarian cancer research funding, having provided more than \$6 million to Minnesota research projects.

This year alone, MOCA will provide \$725,000 to ovarian cancer research funding in the state of Minnesota – funding that will support research targeting an early detection test, better treatments and a cure for ovarian cancer. There is no test for the disease.

In 2017, MOCA will welcome back WCCO This Morning and Midday anchor Kim Johnson, who will serve as event emcee and special guest. Kim's mother is an ovarian cancer survivor and is a proud MOCA supporter.

Besides funding research, MOCA educates the public and the medical community about the disease and provides support to women and their families affected by ovarian cancer through support groups and the MOCA Mentor program.

For ticket information or more information about the MOCA's events, visit www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.

About the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance: The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is a statewide non-profit organization, founded in 1999, dedicated to raising awareness, providing support to women and families impacted by the disease and funding the research needed to detect ovarian cancer early and treat it properly. MOCA serves more than 1,000 survivors and has a network of more than 45,000 supporters with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded more than \$5 million to 50+ ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.

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