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MINNESOTA OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE TO LIGHT DULUTH TEAL THIS SEPTEMBER Golf and Gala: Two premier ovarian cancer fundraisers continue

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Aug. 23, 2017). Duluth will once again be lit in teal during the month of September, as the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) continues the teal traditions started by Charlene's Light... A Foundation for Ovarian Cancer. Earlier this year, Charlene's Light joined forces with MOCA. MOCA is a statewide, non-profit organization that funds ovarian cancer research and provides support and educational programming.

MOCA will be continuing two major events held in Duluth for the past five years:

- **The Elizabeth Busche Scramble for Ovarian Cancer** will take place at Enger Park Golf Course on Sunday, Sept. 10. This Scramble-format golf event is designed for golfers of all abilities. The shotgun start takes place at 11 a.m.; dinner follows the golf event. Enjoy a beautiful fall day on the golf course with friends and family. The registration fee is \$75, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and dinner.
- The fifth annual **Light Duluth Teal Gala** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. The Light Duluth Gala is an evening of inspiration and celebration to benefit MOCA's research funding and programming.

Gala attendees will experience the beautiful backdrop of the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge lit in teal for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Tickets are \$75 each and table sponsorships are available. The night includes a cocktail hour, dinner and inspirational speakers, live auction and more. WBJR-TV anchor Jennifer Austin will be the event emcee.

Both Enger Tower and the Aerial Lift Bridge in Duluth will be lit in teal from Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 24. This is part of MOCA's statewide "MOCA Lights the Night" efforts, as the non-profit organization lights up landmarks in teal throughout the state during September.

Kristine Greer is an ovarian cancer survivor and was the executive director of Charlene's Light. She is the chairperson of the Light Duluth Teal Gala committee and a member of the MOCA Board of Directors. "We are looking forward to another inspirational night at the Light Duluth Teal Gala. The Gala has always provided connection for our ovarian cancer community and

supporters in the Northland. We're excited to continue that tradition and raise money for MOCA's critical programs."

MOCA is among the top three non-profit funders of ovarian cancer research in the nation and has provided more than \$7 million to Minnesota researchers. This year, the organization awarded \$775,000 to ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota. MOCA also expanded their reach this year, by providing \$100,000 to national researchers focused on an early detection test. That award will be announced in November 2017.

"For the past 18 years, one of MOCA's main goals has been to find a test for ovarian cancer," MOCA Executive Director, Kathleen Gavin. "Too many women are diagnosed at a late stage of ovarian cancer when treatments are not as effective. We are getting closer – but more needs to be done. MOCA and our supporters are committed to funding the development of a screening test and better treatments that will save the lives of women. We're also excited to continue to bring symptom awareness and education to the Duluth area."

Registration for the Elizabeth Busche Scramble for Ovarian Cancer and the Light Duluth Teal Gala are available at mnovarian.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by calling MOCA Event Manager Annie Oakes at (612) 822-0500.

About the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance: The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is a statewide, private, 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 \$7 million to 50+ ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.