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Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to Fund Record \$500,000 for Research Projects
Organization Now Accepting Proposals for Ovarian Cancer Research Projects

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., January 21, 2014) The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) has issued a request for proposals for the organization's 2014 ovarian cancer research awards. MOCA will be awarding a record amount of \$500,000 this May to provide opportunities for researchers to initiate new studies or continue current research on ovarian cancer. MOCA is among the top five private, non-profit funders of ovarian cancer research in the nation.

Eligible projects must be conducted in Minnesota by Minnesota based researchers. Applicants may be pursuing individual research or be part of a team research project pertaining to ovarian, primary peritoneal or fallopian tube cancer. Grant proposals may not exceed \$100,000.

All proposals will be considered. However, special consideration will be given to:

- Proposals which may lead to early detection, better treatment, or a cure for ovarian cancer;
- Projects that may benefit women living with ovarian cancer today;
- Projects that might not otherwise be funded;
- Projects that will result in the development of preliminary data which will enable the researcher to compete for larger national grants.

"As we mark MOCA's 15th anniversary this year, we're excited to have reached this funding milestone, which is possible because our generous supporters know that research is vital to making an impact against this disease," said MOCA Executive Director Kathleen Gavin, "As the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers, MOCA's research funding makes a difference by stimulating innovation, supporting our state's excellent researchers and institutions and attracting researchers to focus on ovarian cancer."

Evaluations of proposed projects are made by national experts in ovarian cancer research and at-large MOCA members. Recommendations are then voted on by the MOCA Board of Directors.

All applications must be received in the MOCA office by 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, March 7. Applicants will be notified by Friday, April 25. Grantees are required to attend the MOCA annual meeting in mid-May and will be asked to deliver a short presentation.

A complete description of the application requirements can be found at:
<http://bit.ly/MOCA2014Grants/>.

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About the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance: The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness, providing education and support to women and families impacted by the disease and funding the research needed to detect ovarian cancer early and treat it properly. MOCA was founded in 1999 by a group of ovarian cancer survivors. Since then, MOCA has grown to an organization of more than 1,000 survivors and 40,000 donors and active members with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded more than \$4 million to research projects for ovarian cancer research in Minnesota. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.