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**Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to inspire and fundraise at
Annual Black, White & Teal Gala on April 21
*WCCO's Kim Johnson Included as Special Guest***

(Minneapolis, MINN. March 15, 2018). The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is planning an evening of inspiration to raise funds for vital ovarian cancer research and programming at their annual Black, White & Teal Gala held on Saturday, April 21 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis.

The public is invited to join MOCA at this annual event. Tickets and tables are on sale now for \$125 per person. Personal and corporate table sponsorships are also available for \$1,500 and \$2,500. Tickets can be purchased at <http://bit.ly/BWT2018>.

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 19 years in 2018, MOCA is a leader in ovarian cancer research funding, having provided more than \$7 million to Minnesota research projects.

This year alone, MOCA will provide \$775,000 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. MOCA has also funded research targeting an early detection test through their National Early Detection Grant Awards, which began in 2017.

At this year's event, MOCA welcomes back WCCO 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.

MOCA plans a night with inspirational speakers and entertainment, including the story of a young ovarian cancer survivor from Gustavus Adolphus College. The Gustavus Adolphus acapella group “Legacy” will be performing in honor of this special guest.

Besides other survivors and MOCA-related speakers, the night is rounded out by a silent and live auction, games including the new Whiskey Wall, a raffle and more. Last year the event raised more than \$120,000 for MOCA’s research funding and programming.

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 \$7 million to 70+ ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.

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