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Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance to Inspire & Fundraise at Two Duluth events *Light Duluth Teal Gala and Elizabeth Busche Scramble held on Sept. 8 & 9*

(Minneapolis, MINN. July 15, 2018). The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is planning a weekend of inspiration to raise funds for vital ovarian cancer research and programming during the weekend of September 8 and 9.

The public is invited to both events spanning the weekend. On Saturday, Sept. 8, the Light Duluth Teal Gala will take place at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

Be inspired at this Gala featuring a live and silent auction, dinner, inspiring speakers and a close-up view of Duluth's Aerial Lift Bridge lit in teal to mark September Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. MOCA welcomes back KBJR-TV anchor Jennifer Austin, who will serve as event emcee and special guest.

"Now marking the 6th year of this event, the Light Duluth Teal Gala is always a memorable night where survivors, family members, friends and the local healthcare community join forces to raise money for MOCA's research funding and programming," says Light Duluth Teal Chairperson and ovarian cancer survivor Kris Greer. "The night also serves as a way for our community to come together and find support among those walking the same journey."

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at mnovarian.org or by calling the MOCA office at (612) 822-0500. Table sponsorships for a table of eight are available for \$1,000.

The next day, Sunday, Sept. 9, the Elizabeth Busche Scramble for Ovarian Cancer takes place at Enger Park Golf Course. MOCA welcomes golfers of all abilities to join in on this fun, scramble-format golf event.

Registration is \$75 per person, which includes 18-holes of golf, cart and dinner. The shotgun start takes place at 11 a.m. To register and for more information, visit mnovarian.org or call the MOCA office at (612) 822-0500.

This year, MOCA provided \$775,000 to ovarian cancer research funding. One of the largest

private funders of ovarian cancer research in the nation, MOCA has provided a total of \$8 million to ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota and national projects focused on discovering an early detection test for the disease.

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, the MOCA Mentor program and MOCA Cares Kits.

MOCA offers women and families in the Northland with support opportunities and connection. MOCA's Support Program Manager Stefanie Gliniany is available to connect with those impacted by ovarian cancer by emailing sgliniany@mnovarian.org.

For more information about the MOCA and the support services offered, visit 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 \$8 million to 80+ ovarian cancer research projects. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.

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