MOCA is entering a new decade inspired... by YOU!

We spent the past year celebrating our 20th Anniversary and reflecting on 20 years of progress—all because of YOU! You helped us raise nearly $9 million dollars for life-saving ovarian cancer research, build a valuable support network for thousands of ovarian cancer survivors and their families and provide critical education and awareness programs. As we march into 2020, we want you to know we are truly grateful for all that you've done. Now, we’d like to know how MOCA can serve you better.

Do you have suggestions for ways we can improve our events or support offerings? Do you have ideas for new ways we can work together? Please be assured, your ideas matter to us.

As we renew our commitment to our supporters and our mission, we also want to take this time to invite you to our gatherings and celebrations in 2020. We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Black, White & Teal Gala in 2019, and we’re hopeful you will join us again this year for this inspiring event. Gala registration is open now. We also have a list of all of our yearly events on our website.

Will you join us as we launch into this next decade? Maybe you'll support us at another event this year or find a new way to volunteer with us. We have some ideas for how to get involved in our Teal Together blog post. Your support is critical to MOCA. We need an early detection test, better treatments and someday—a cure for ovarian cancer.

Together, we’ve accomplished so much and together we’ll do so much more!

Gratefully,

Kathleen Gavin
An Enchanted Evening awaits at our annual Black, White and Teal Gala!

Join us Saturday, April 18 for an inspiring evening and entertaining program emceed by WCCO-TV's Kim Johnson.

This is truly a night you won't want to miss as we celebrate together and fund life-saving ovarian cancer research, impactful support programs for women and families and critical education efforts. We have an amazing line-up of speakers and tremendous silent and live auctions planned!

Buy your tickets and tables now to take advantage of early bird registration discounts. Keep updated on our Black, White and Teal Gala on our blog.

Meet MOCA's New Communications Manager

MOCA welcomed Jody Ambroz McArdle as our new Communications Manager in October. Previously, Jody worked as Director of Communications for Loaves & Fishes. She's also an experienced journalist and spent several years reporting for news stations, most recently at Fox 9 in Minneapolis.

Jody is passionate about women's health and cancer prevention. She's proud to share MOCA's stories and raise awareness about ovarian cancer.
MOCA Now Accepting 2020 Research Proposals

MOCA is thrilled to announce we'll be awarding a total of $680,000 in ovarian cancer research funding this year. $580,000 will be awarded to Minnesota-based researchers. MOCA is currently accepting requests for proposals.

An additional $100,000 will be awarded to national ovarian cancer researchers working on early detection of ovarian cancer. MOCA will be accepting requests for proposals from national researchers later this year.

Teal Talk with Stefanie

In this month's Teal Talk, Community Support Program Manager Stefanie Gliniany writes about ways survivors, loved ones and caregivers can start the new year with MOCA!

The beginning of a new year is a time when a lot of us reflect on what matters most and set priorities for the months ahead. As you're thinking about how you want to spend your time, we hope you will consider some valuable education and mentoring opportunities with MOCA.

MOCA Support Offerings

Make plans now to join MOCA at our support meetings and gatherings coming up in February! Save the date for Brews for Dudes, hosted by the Men of MOCA on March 18th.
Why does MOCA matter to you?
We’re asking ovarian cancer survivors to share their answers in our new monthly column.

"MOCA is a place I can get information and support from people who know exactly what I’m dealing with, which provides a level of comfort I wouldn’t be able to find anywhere else."
--Patty Bartholomew, Stage 4 Ovarian Cancer Survivor

Thank you, Patty! Would YOU like to share your story? Contact Jody at jambroz@mnovarian.org

We want to give Amber Kern many teal thanks to show our gratitude for her help as a parking lot volunteer during HOM Teal Strides.

Amber is a 22 year ovarian cancer survivor. Amber said, "Volunteering brings meaning to my life... and it's fun! She added, "At a MOCA event, there's also an opportunity to share a hopeful moment with a sister survivor."

Thank you, Amber for all you do to make HOM Teal Strides a success!