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Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance Raising Awareness and Inspiring Survivors in the Northland

(Minneapolis, MINN. August 9, 2021) The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is making an impact against ovarian cancer in the Northland, hosting its annual [Light Duluth Teal Gala](#) and **lighting up area landmarks** during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September.

MOCA's annual [Light Duluth Teal Gala](#) is set for **Saturday, September 11** at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. The event features live and silent auctions, fun games, dinner and inspirational speakers including Kelly Klein, an ovarian cancer survivor and teacher recently featured in local and national media. 2021 MOCA Research Award recipient Emil Lou, M.D., Ph.D., University of Minnesota, will also share the latest on ovarian cancer research.

Kris Greer, MOCA Board Chair, Chair of the Light Duluth Teal committee and an ovarian cancer survivor said, *"We are excited to celebrate and join together again with survivors, families, friends and the local health care community to raise funds for MOCA's important research and programs."*

Several Duluth area landmarks including Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Radisson Hotel, Enger Tower, Glensheen Mansion, and The Silos at Pier B will light up in teal during the evenings of **September 10 and 11** as part of **MOCA's Light the Night Campaign**, which raises awareness about ovarian cancer throughout Minnesota. Several other Minnesota landmarks are also lighting up in teal throughout September.

MOCA's Light the Night Campaign and [Light Duluth Teal Gala](#) are held annually each September to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, a disease that impacts more than 21,000 women each year in the U.S. There is currently NO early detection test for ovarian cancer and the symptoms of bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, fatigue and urinary urgency or frequency, are often mistaken for other common problems. Ovarian cancer is frequently diagnosed at a late stage, when it's difficult to treat.

MOCA is one of the largest private, nonprofit funders of ovarian cancer research in the nation, having provided a total of nearly \$9.6 million to ovarian cancer research projects. MOCA also educates the public and the medical community about the disease and provides support to women and their families across Minnesota through a variety of support groups and additional programs.

The public is invited to support MOCA's efforts and attend the Light Duluth Teal Gala. Tickets are available for \$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. MOCA will follow CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for this event. Updates will be posted on mnovarian.org and on MOCA's social media channels.

For more information about MOCA and the support services offered in the Northland and across Minnesota or to make a donation, visit mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.

Ovarian cancer survivors and MOCA representatives are available for preview interviews leading up to the September events. Please contact MOCA Communications Manager Jody Ambroz McArdle at jambroz@mnovarian.org or call 612-275-0789.

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 50,000 supporters with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded nearly \$9.6 million to ovarian cancer research projects. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.