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HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer Provides Hope & Accelerates Progress

A morning to celebrate community and make strides against ovarian cancer

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 25, 2022) **The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is hosting its annual [HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer](#) walk and run event on Saturday, September 10** at Rosland Park in Edina. Ovarian cancer survivors, families, friends and community members will gather for a fun morning filled with inspiration—to make strides against this disease.

MOCA's HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer includes a 2K Walk, 5K Run, Kids Fun Run, inspirational program and more. It's the largest ovarian cancer fundraiser in the Midwest, and supporters come from all over the region to attend. Attendees register to walk or run and raise funds for MOCA, a nationally recognized statewide nonprofit dedicated to ovarian cancer research, support programs for women and families, medical education and awareness about this disease.

Every year, nearly 20,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the U.S., and more than 12,000 lose their lives to this disease. There is still NO test to detect this disease that impacts women of all ages, races and ethnicities. Awareness and research are critical.

"Ovarian cancer research is at the heart of our mission at MOCA. Thanks to our supporters and the funds raised at HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer, MOCA is accelerating progress for better treatments and an early detection test. We believe an early detection test is within reach, and we are getting closer because of the support received at events like HOM Teal Strides," said Kathleen Gavin, MOCA Executive Director.

Funds raised at HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer directly impact the amount MOCA awards to ovarian cancer research each year. This year, MOCA hopes to raise \$300,000 at the event to support vital ovarian cancer research, valuable medical education and meaningful programs for women and families.

MOCA reached a major milestone in 2022, by exceeding a total of \$10 million dollars provided to ovarian cancer research funding. This year alone, MOCA will award a record \$1.1 million to state and national ovarian cancer research projects focused on better treatments and early detection of ovarian cancer. MOCA is one of the top private, nonprofit funders of ovarian cancer research in the nation.

HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer is so much more than a fundraiser. Survivors and their loved ones find hope and strength by coming together for this event. Paula, an ovarian cancer survivor, said,

“Ovarian cancer is the silent killer, and I’m so lucky mine was caught early. Others are not so lucky... I want to amplify the message of the need for an early detection test to give more women a chance at survival.”

Survivors will gather for an annual photograph to honor each other and all women who have been diagnosed with the disease. Families and friends will show their support by fundraising for special inspiration signs with their personal messages to be placed along the race route.

The HOM Teal Strides program features ovarian cancer survivors, oncologists and researchers. Live music, entertainment and games for kids and families are also a part of the event.

MOCA has been hosting its annual walk and run event for more than 20 years. For the tenth consecutive year, MOCA has the support of title sponsor HOM Furniture. HOM’s support has contributed to the event’s continued success.

HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer takes place each year during September, which is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. In addition to HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer, MOCA is launching its **MOCA Lights the Night** campaign on Thursday, September 1, when several major landmarks and bridges throughout the state will be lit in teal—the signature color for ovarian cancer awareness.

HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer participants are encouraged to register at mnovarian.org by August 17 to receive early bird discounts on registration. Attendees may register through August 17 for a fee of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Registration fees between August 17 and Sept. 9 are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children. Adult registration rates on race day are \$50. Ovarian cancer survivors will receive a special “survivor” t-shirt and gift bag filled with special items at the Survivor Tent. T-shirts are guaranteed for all those attendees who registered by July 25. Water and snacks are provided on race day. Virtual Participants or “Teal Supporters” are invited to register before September 10 for a fee of \$40 for adults and \$15 for children.

Day-of registration for HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer starts at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10. The 5K Run starts at 8:00 a.m., and the Kids Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m. MOCA’s annual HOM Teal Strides Survivor Photo is set for 9:15 a.m., and the event program starts at 9:45 a.m. The 2K walk begins at 10:30 a.m. FREE parking is available at Southdale Mall, with a shuttle bus running from the lot to Rosland Park from 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mayo Clinic, Minnesota Oncology and the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center are Teal-level sponsors of HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer.

About the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance: The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is a statewide nonprofit 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 50,000 supporters across the U.S. with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded more than \$10 million to ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota and nationwide. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.