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Ovarian Cancer Survivors and Supporters Join Forces to Celebrate and Inspire MOCA's Annual Black, White & Teal Gala Provides Hope, Raises Funds

(Minneapolis, MINN. March 7, 2023) Ovarian cancer survivors, health care providers and supporters are gathering for an evening of hope and celebration at the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance's annual [Black, White & Teal Gala](#) on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis.

The [Black, White & Teal Gala](#) is a community event and fundraiser for MOCA, a Minnesota-based nonprofit dedicated to advancing ovarian cancer research, offering support to women and families and raising awareness about the disease. A national leader in ovarian cancer research funding, MOCA has provided nearly \$11 million to advance research focused on better treatments, an early detection test and one day—a cure. There is NO test to detect ovarian cancer, and treatment options are limited.

"We are thrilled to join forces with survivors and supporters at this fun and inspirational event. Thanks to the generosity of our community, MOCA is accelerating promising ovarian cancer research and providing support to survivors and loved ones," said Kathleen Gavin, MOCA Executive Director.

The public is invited to join MOCA at the annual Black, White & Teal Gala. Guests may purchase individual tickets online for \$125 per person. Personal and corporate table sponsorships are available. Those not able to attend in-person can show their support by bidding in MOCA's online silent auction or donating, [here](#).

This year's Black, White & Teal Gala theme is *"Imagine the Possibilities."* During the cocktail reception, guests have a chance to support MOCA's [silent online auction](#) and "Play for Possibilities" by making a donation to play fun games for prizes. Guests may also purchase tickets to take part in our "Raffle for Research" which includes several baskets filled with gifts and other items.

The event continues with dinner, a live auction, an inspirational program, video premiere and a special performance by Ashley Thersleff, a musician and family nurse practitioner who has worked with ovarian cancer survivors. All event proceeds support MOCA's ovarian cancer research and programs for women and families impacted by this disease. In 2023, MOCA has committed an additional \$600,000 to ovarian cancer research projects.

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 nearly 50,000 supporters with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded nearly \$11 million to ovarian cancer research projects. For additional information, go to mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.