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Light Duluth Teal Gala Celebrates a Decade of Making a Difference **A night of hope and inspiration to benefit ovarian cancer research and support programs**

(Minneapolis, MINN., August 16, 2023) The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is hosting its 10th Anniversary Celebration of our [Light Duluth Teal Gala](#) on Saturday, September 23 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). Ovarian cancer survivors, their families and supporters will gather for a fun and entertaining evening to celebrate a decade of making a difference in the Northland.

The 10th Anniversary [Light Duluth Teal Gala](#) includes a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, basket raffle, fun games, music and an inspirational program. Our Light Duluth Teal Gala speakers include Dr. Andrea Wahner Hendrickson, a Mayo Clinic Medical Oncologist, who will share about recent treatment advances and a promising clinical trial. Ovarian Cancer Survivor Chickie Broman will share about her journey as a clinical trial participant and offer inspiration to women and families.

“Over the past 10 years since the Light Duluth Teal Gala first began, we have seen some exciting developments in ovarian cancer treatments. We are grateful for the support received in the Northland, and we look forward to making even more progress possible for women and their families during this fun and entertaining event,” said Kristine Greer, Chair of MOCA’s Light Duluth Teal committee and an ovarian cancer survivor.

Several Duluth area landmarks including Enger Tower, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Radisson Hotel, Glensheen Mansion, Maurices Headquarters Building and Pier B Resort and Hotel will light up in teal during the evenings of September 22 and 23 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 the month of September.

MOCA’s Light the Night campaign and our Light Duluth Teal Gala are held annually each September to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, a disease that impacts nearly 20,000 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, trouble eating or feeling full quickly and

urinary urgency or frequency, are often mistaken for other common problems. Ovarian cancer impacts women of all ages and ethnicities. The disease 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. Founded in 1999, MOCA is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating ovarian cancer research, offering support to women and families, educating the public and medical community about the disease and raising awareness. **MOCA has provided more than \$11 million to ovarian cancer research in Minnesota and across the nation.**

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.

For more information about MOCA and our support services and resources available in the Northland, 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 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 50,000 supporters with a full range of programs encompassing education, support and research. MOCA has awarded more than \$11 million to ovarian cancer research projects. For additional information, go to www.mnovarian.org or call (612) 822-0500.