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**HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer Celebrates Progress and Community**  
**A morning of walking, running and fun for ovarian cancer survivors, families and supporters**

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 8, 2023) More than one thousand ovarian cancer survivors, supporters and community members will walk and run to make strides against ovarian cancer, Saturday, September 9 at Rosland Park in Edina, MN. [HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer](#) includes a 2K Walk, 5K Run, Kids Fun Run, inspirational program, games and more—all to make a difference against ovarian cancer.

[HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer](#) is the largest ovarian cancer fundraiser in the Midwest and supporters come from all across the region to attend. Attendees register to walk or run and raise funds for the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA), a nationally recognized statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support to women and families, educating the public and medical community, raising awareness and funding research. MOCA has provided more than \$11 million for ovarian cancer research focused on better treatments, an early detection test and one day—a cure for this disease.

*“We are accelerating progress for better treatments and an early detection test because of the support MOCA receives at events like HOM Teal Strides. In the past year, new targeted treatments have become available to some women with ovarian cancer. But more research is needed to improve outcomes for all women—and to find an early detection test. We are grateful to our survivors, supporters and sponsors who are joining us to make a difference,”* said MOCA Executive Director Kathleen Gavin.

Every year, nearly 20,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the U.S. In 2023, it’s estimated more than 13,000 will lose their lives to this disease. There is still NO test to detect this disease that impacts women of all ages, races and ethnicities. Research and awareness are critical.

Funds raised at HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer directly impact the amount MOCA is able to award to ovarian cancer research each year. This September, MOCA hopes to raise \$240,000 at the event to support vital ovarian cancer research, valuable medical education and meaningful programs for women and families.

In 2023 alone, MOCA has awarded an additional \$450,000 to Minnesota-based ovarian cancer research projects. The organization has committed an additional \$150,000 to national ovarian cancer research projects focused on the 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 more than a walk and run—it's a community event to support all those impacted by ovarian cancer.** Survivors and their loved ones find hope and strength by coming together for this event.

Survivors will wear their special teal "Survivor" t-shirts and gather for an annual photograph to honor 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.

Attendees will enjoy an inspirational program featuring 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 eleventh 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 throughout the U.S. In addition to HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer, MOCA is launching its **MOCA Lights the Night** campaign on Friday, 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](http://mnovarian.org). Early bird registration runs through August 16 with a fee of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Registration fees between August 16 and Sept. 7 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. Water and fruit are available to all attendees. Virtual Participants or "Teal Supporters" are invited to register before September 7 for a fee of \$40 for adults and \$15 for children.

Day-of registration for HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 9. The 5K Run starts at 8:15 a.m., followed by the Kids Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. and our annual Survivor Photo at 9:15 a.m. MOCA's HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer program starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by the 2K walk at 10:00 a.m.

Masonic Cancer Center/University of Minnesota, U of M Department of OBGYN, Mayo Clinic and Minnesota Oncology 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 \$11 million to ovarian cancer research projects in Minnesota and nationwide. For additional information, go to [www.mnovarian.org](http://www.mnovarian.org) or call (612) 822-0500.