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**Minneapolis, MN-** Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is pleased to announce our 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting in the Brainerd lakes area, to introduce our organization to the community.

**What:** Ovarian cancer survivors, family, friends, members of the medical community and the general public are invited to join Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) for socializing and the chance to learn more about the organization and ovarian cancer. We will assess the needs of local survivors for potential programming opportunities in the Brainerd lakes area in the future. Meet local survivor, Teresa Faust, who will share her story about not knowing the warning signs of ovarian cancer until it was too late, and her mission to increase awareness of the warning signs for ovarian cancer.

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Brainerd Public Library, 416 S. Fifth St., Brainerd, MN.

**Who we are:** Founded in 1999 by a small group of ovarian cancer survivors, MOCA funds ovarian cancer research raises awareness of the disease and provides support to women with ovarian cancer and their families.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Lindsay Kohn at (612) 822-0500 or [lkohn@mnovarian.org](mailto:lkohn@mnovarian.org)

MOCA is a Minnesota based non profit organization that is dedicated to raising awareness and funding the research needed to detect ovarian cancer early and treat it properly. In just nine years, MOCA has raised more than \$2 million for ovarian cancer research in Minnesota. The grants are awarded to advance research toward earlier detection, better treatment and a cure. The funding stays in the state so women who live in Minnesota will be the first to benefit from any advances made.

For more information about MOCA and ovarian cancer, visit [www.mnovarian.org](http://www.mnovarian.org)