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**Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA)  
Announces the Availability of \$300,000 for  
Ovarian Cancer Research Grants**

Minneapolis -- Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is pleased to announce the availability of \$300,000 for ovarian cancer research grants. The purpose of the grants is to provide opportunities for professionals to initiate new studies or continue current research working with or investigating aspects of ovarian cancer and/or ovarian cancer survivors. The deadline for submissions is March 4, 2005. Grant recipients will be notified by April 19, 2005.

MOCA's research program began in 2001 with \$91,000 in funding and has grown each year. With the addition of this \$300,000 in research funding, MOCA will have awarded close to \$1 million in research grants for ovarian cancer in the state of Minnesota. Findings from MOCA funded research projects have been published in peer reviewed journals and presented at conferences throughout the country.

"MOCA plays a special role in supporting ovarian cancer research in the state," said Executive Director Kathleen Gavin, "We bring together survivors, families and other supporters with researchers and research institutions to stimulate research in the state and to ensure that researchers and institutions are responsive to the needs of survivors."

To be eligible, research projects must be conducted in the state of Minnesota by Minnesota-based researchers. Research proposals may be individual projects or part of a larger research project related to ovarian cancer. All research proposals will be considered, however, special consideration will be given to proposals dealing with:

- genetics
- early detection
- treatment
- issues related to quality of life.

Portability of the proposed project will be a consideration in awarding grants. Grant proposals may not exceed \$100,000.

Recommendation of award recipients will be made by a committee of independent oncologists, two MOCA board members, and three at-large MOCA members. The recommended awards will be discussed and voted on by the MOCA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to give smaller awards than requested to multiple recipients

The timeline for the grant proposals is as follows:

- March 4, 2005                      Deadline for submission. All proposals must be received in the MOCA office by this date.
- April 19, 2005                      Notification of action by MOCA.
- May 10, 2005                      Presentation of successful grant proposals at MOCA annual meeting (Attendance of grantee is expected.)

Complete information is available on MOCA's website: [www.mnovarian.org](http://www.mnovarian.org)

The mission of Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance is to fund ovarian cancer research in Minnesota, raise awareness of the disease, and provide support to women with ovarian cancer and their families.