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**Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA)
Announces the Availability of \$365,000 for
Ovarian Cancer Research Grants**

Minneapolis -- Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is pleased to announce the availability of \$365,000 for ovarian cancer research grants, a more than 15% increase from last year. The purpose of the grants is to provide opportunities for professionals to initiate new studies or continue current research investigating aspects of ovarian cancer. The deadline for submissions is March 9, 2007. Grant recipients will be notified by April 20, 2007.

MOCA's research program began in 2001 with \$91,000 in funding and has grown each year. With the addition of this \$365,000 in research funding, MOCA will have awarded more than \$1.6 million in research grants for ovarian cancer in 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 Minnesota," states 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."

This year, MOCA is announcing the availability of the Molly Cade Memorial Research Grant in the amount of \$25,000. This award, which is being made for the first time, has been established in memory of MOCA's co-founder Molly Cade who passed away in 2003 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer, but whose legacy lives on through this organization. Funding for this award can be combined with general MOCA research funding for a grant up to \$100,000

MOCA will also be awarding one \$25,000 grant to the University of Minnesota for clinical research on ovarian cancer. The funding for this grant comes to MOCA

from its designation as the Agency of Distinction by KARE 11's Eleven Who Care program. Proposals for this funding will be considered separately from other grant proposals and should not exceed \$25,000.

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.

Grant proposals may not exceed \$100,000.

The timeline for the grant proposals is as follows:

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| March 9, 2007 | Deadline for submission. All proposals must be received in the MOCA office by 3pm on this date. |
| • April 20, 2007 | Notification of action by MOCA. |
| • May 8, 2007 | 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

Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance funds ovarian cancer research in Minnesota, raises awareness of the disease, and provides support to women with ovarian cancer and their families.