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MINNESOTA OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES ONCOLOGY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Minneapolis, MN -- Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) is pleased to announce that Karin Goodman and Kristie Heinen have been awarded the 2006 Anita Lubov Memorial Scholarships for Oncology Nurses.

This scholarship fund was established by the family of Anita Lubov. Mrs. Lubov was an oncology nurse in Ohio, who died from ovarian cancer in 1999. The fund is available for currently practicing oncology nurses from Minnesota to attend national educational conferences. "My mom saw value in nursing education and to honor her memory in this way is most fitting," says Mrs. Lubov's daughter Jan Arnold.

Ms. Goodman is a registered nurse research coordinator at the Women's Cancer Program at the Mayo Foundation. She will use the scholarship funds to attend the 32nd Annual Oncology Nursing Society Congress in Las Vegas in April, 2007. Ms. Heinen works as a registered nurse at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview in Gynecological Oncology and Surgical Oncology. She will be attending the 24th Annual Symposium of Gynecologic Nurse Oncologists in Atlanta, also in April.

"We appreciate the support of the Lubov family who have made it possible for the nurses selected to further their education," states MOCA Executive Director Kathleen Gavin.

The purpose of the Anita Lubov Memorial Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for oncology nurses to attend conferences that will help them:

- Improve their care of women with ovarian cancer
- Increase their knowledge of ovarian cancer
- Enable them to educate others about ovarian cancer

The funding can be used to support travel, conference fees, lodging and per diem.

The deadline to apply for next year's scholarships will be October 30, 2007. For more information, call MOCA, 952/890-8775 or visit mnovarian.org.

Founded in 1999 by a small group of ovarian cancer survivors, **Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA)** funds ovarian cancer research, raises awareness of the disease and provides support to women with ovarian cancer and their families. In the past six years, MOCA has awarded more than \$1.3 million for research grants in Minnesota.

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