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**NATIONAL NON-PROFIT HOSTS AN ONLINE HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY**  
***Ovarian Cancer National Alliance's fundraising campaign proves to be innovative and fun***

Washington D.C. - *December 1, 2009*. In lieu of traditional holiday gifts, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance has decided to throw a holiday dinner party for the ovarian cancer community. The guest list goes from coast to coast, but there is no need for invitees to brave travel arrangements or dust off those stilettos. The party is Virtual, using the platform of the Internet, and the price for various menu items is 100% tax deductible.

Party guests will not only experience the satisfaction of giving to an important cause, they will receive a collection of delicious holiday recipes as a thank you for their contribution. One of the recipes was provided by celebrity chef and ovarian cancer survivor, Laurey Masterton. Additionally, guests are entered to win one of three prizes, one being two tickets to *Turn Up the Heat on Ovarian Cancer: A Celebration of Women Chefs* Annual Gala scheduled for February 2, 2010 in Washington, D.C. (valued at 500 dollars).

"We wanted to find a creative way for people to give back to a worthy cause from the comfort of their own homes while still getting something valuable in return," said Karen Orloff Kaplan, CEO of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. "Our online national community has been very supportive of our efforts in working to save women's lives, and we hope that this party will be both fun, and rewarding to those who choose to dine at our virtual holiday dinner."

Annette Mattern, Chair of the organization's marketing committee said "The party is an idea that was 'cooking on the back burner' for some time, and it's time to serve it up. There will be no after-party hangovers or indigestion and no guest will leave unfulfilled." The campaign will run through the end of the year.

For information on how to join the Virtual Holiday Dinner party, visit [www.ovariancancer.org/party](http://www.ovariancancer.org/party).

If the following symptoms are frequent and persist for more than a month, are unusual for a woman and are otherwise unexplained, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance advises that she have an evaluation for ovarian cancer. These symptoms include:

- Bloating
- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly
- Urinary symptoms (urgency or frequency)

There is no definitive test for ovarian cancer so experts suggest a combination of pelvic/rectal exam, a CA-125 blood test and a transvaginal ultrasound.

Established in 1997, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is the foremost advocate for women with ovarian cancer in the United States. Until there is a cure for the disease, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, a 501(c) (3) organization, leads the national initiative to reduce the number of deaths from ovarian cancer by uniting individuals and organizations at the local, state, and national levels to advance ovarian cancer research in the quest for early detection tests, improve health care practices, and develop of life-saving treatment protocols.

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