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**OVARIAN CANCER NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO HOST FIFTH ANNUAL GALA
*Signature Event Celebrates Life, Celebrates Chefs***

Washington D.C. – *January 19, 2010*. For the fifth year in a row, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance has teamed up with dozens of the most celebrated women chefs from Washington, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The annual Gala highlights the best of their talents and raises funds for ovarian cancer in an effort to boost visibility of this devastating disease. Washington’s own Ris Lacoste of *ris*, Nora Pouillon of *Restaurant Nora*, and Laura Bonino of *Comet Ping Pong* are only a few of the chefs that have joined together with the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance to continue the fight against ovarian cancer.

The “Turn up the Heat: A Celebration of Women Chefs” Gala takes place at the DC Ritz Carlton Hotel on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. News Anchor Wendy Reiger from *NBC News 4 at 5* and *Going Green* will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Special guest speaker is ovarian cancer survivor, Gina DePalma, the James Beard Award-winning pastry chef of *Babbo Ristorante and Enoteca* of New York City and author of *Dolce Italiano*.

“Each year, this signature event has grown in popularity, providing us the opportunity to illuminate the seriousness of ovarian cancer while showcasing the positive impact that the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is making within the ovarian cancer community,” states Karen Kaplan, CEO of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. “This annual Gala celebrates life and we are grateful to all those who share this delicious evening with us.”

Proceeds of the event will support the efforts to raise awareness, educate women and help improve the quality of life for women who have been touched by ovarian cancer.

The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is the foremost advocate for women with ovarian cancer in the United States. To advance the interests of women with ovarian cancer, the organization advocates at a national level for increases in research funding for the development of an early detection test, improved health care practices, and life-saving treatment protocols. The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance educates health care professionals and raises public awareness of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer. The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1997.

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