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### COMMUNITY BANDS TOGETHER FOR WOMEN LIVING WITH OVARIAN CANCER

**CANADA, August 21, 2018** – The Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope takes place on Sunday, September 9\* in more than 35 communities nationwide. The most powerful event of its kind in the country, the Walk directs all attention and funds to overcoming the most fatal women's cancer.

One out of every two women diagnosed with ovarian cancer isn't expected to live to see another five years. Unlike other cancers, survival rates for women with this disease haven't seen significant improvement in 50 years. The community is determined to challenge the status quo by banding together and fundraising for much-needed change.

"The Walk is a very important source of funds for critical programming at Ovarian Cancer Canada. The money you raise through the Walk has really helped drive forward special programming to support women across the country. As well, funds from the Walk help support our advocacy efforts to demand \$10 million in research funding from the federal government," says Elisabeth Baugh, Chief Executive Officer, Ovarian Cancer Canada. "But there is no time to wait, so we also put funds from the Walk towards research. I invite everyone to walk with us to help women live fuller, better, longer lives."

Since starting in 2002, the Walk has raised more than \$25 million to provide support, increase awareness and fund vital research. The Walk brings people together to empower one another, support one another, and demand better for women living with ovarian cancer.

\*In Charlottetown, PEI; Yarmouth, NS; and Ajax, ON the Walk takes place on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

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#### About the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope

Founded by Peggy Truscott in 2002, the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope is the largest and most powerful event of its kind in the country. Organized in more than 35 communities nationwide, it is the only initiative that directs all awareness and fundraising to overcoming ovarian cancer. For information, visit [ovariancancerwalkofhope.ca](http://ovariancancerwalkofhope.ca).

#### About Ovarian Cancer Canada

Ovarian Cancer Canada is the only national charity dedicated to overcoming this disease. Ovarian Cancer Canada is ensuring that women with ovarian cancer live fuller, better, longer lives by providing support, increasing awareness and funding vital research. Get involved or donate at [ovariancanada.org](http://ovariancanada.org).

