

Ovations for All

Newsletter from the Ovarian Cancer Project for ALL Gynecologic Cancers



14th Annual

Geranium
Sale

Pre
Sale
Only



As we welcome warmer weather,
it's time for our annual geranium sale!

Sales begin **March 1st**, and all orders
are due by **April 24th**.
Please look inside for
all the details.

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Dear Friends,

With your help, the Ovarian Cancer Project (OCP) continued to empower the community through education, awareness, and support. Your donations enabled the OCP to provide support and resources to survivors and their families.

In 2025, we launched a multi-level education campaign focused on the symptoms and risks of gynecologic cancers to promote early detection for improved outcomes. In 2026, we are expanding this initiative by translating the campaign materials into Spanish, Burmese, and Arabic and presenting them in community settings.

This year, we are forming a Medical Advisory Council to ensure the Ovarian Cancer Project remains a trusted source of relevant information. We are searching for new board members with expertise in Marketing and Information Technology. Please reach out to me if you would like additional details.

I look forward to the upcoming Geranium Sale, which raises critical funds to support our work.

Together we make a difference.

Marianne Hoover
Executive Director

Survivor Spotlight - Mary Ellen Robb



Just after celebrating her 50th birthday, Mary Ellen began feeling unusual stomach pains. Just a few months and several doctors's visits later, Mary Ellen was diagnosed with Stage 3C cancer on her ovaries, fallopian tubes, appendix, and peritoneum. Mary Ellen underwent a partial hysterectomy and quickly began her first round of chemo.

Right from the start of her cancer journey, Mary Ellen found it important to take control of her mindset and embrace the cards that were dealt to her. After learning that of patients who are diagnosed with stages 3 and 4 ovarian cancer, only 20% are alive in 5 years, Mary Ellen knew she wanted to do everything in her power to not be a part of that statistic. Throughout her journey, her biggest motivator has been her family. "I have a daughter who needs me, who has special needs. I need to be there for my husband and my family, and that to me is the most important thing—to make sure I'm healthy enough so I can be here in the long run."

In January 2025, her older sister brought her to her first Ovarian Cancer Project support group. Within the OCP community, she has found fellow survivors with whom she can trade advice and share stories who understand her journey. Today, Mary Ellen is continuing her cancer treatment. "I know my good days. I know my bad days, and I listen to my body." Throughout her good days and bad days on her cancer journey, Mary Ellen always makes it a priority to keep moving, whether that's skiing or walking with her family. She says she has always been someone who looks at the positive side of things and tries to spread love, joy, and happiness.

To Mary Ellen, being a survivor means that "I'm here to see another day, that I'm here to enjoy all the goodness in the world and enjoy my daughter, enjoy my husband, enjoy being surrounded by beautiful places and having the support and love that I know I have." She also reflected, "It's the ability to change and adapt to the new you, to what your new routines are, your new outlooks in life. Because you can't go back to where you were, that's what got you here in the first place. So, it's looking forward and shining a light on life and enjoyment and being happy, whatever that is."

2026 Volleyball Fundraiser



Nick Colon-Ramos, Deb Gueth, Nancy Schutte (OCP Board Member), and Desiree Salerno

Over the past three years, the Annual RevCo Volleyball tournament has raised more than \$40,000 for OCP. The tournament is held each year in loving memory of Linda Ganci. A big thank you to the tournament organizers, Nick Colon-Ramos, Deb Gueth, and Desiree Salerno. Thank you also to the players, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters.

2026 RevCo Volleyball Tournament -

Generously sponsored by:



Dr. Tricia Numan provided updates from Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

HOPE Brunch

On February 22, 2026, we gathered with survivors, caregivers, staff, board of directors, medical partners, volunteers, and donors. The Hope Brunch is an opportunity to connect with and celebrate the Ovarian Cancer Project community, a true beacon of hope and support.



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Benefiting the
Ovarian Cancer Project
For ALL Gynecologic Cancers

ORDER FORM



PICK-UP DAY: Saturday, May 9th - 10:00am-1:00pm

TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Fill out this form and mail with check
2. Order online at OvarianCancerProject.org - scan QR code and pay by credit card



Scan code to order

ORDERS DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

Fill out this form - Make checks payable to: **Ovarian Cancer Project**
Mail To: **Ovarian Cancer Project - P.O. Box 1002 - Williamsville, NY 14221**

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check Off Your Pick Up location:

- North Tonawanda:** Webster's Bistro - 102 Webster Street
- Buffalo** (at Scajaquada Expressway) Polish Cadets of Buffalo, Inc. - 927 Grant Street
- Snyder:** Harlem Road Community Center - 4255 Harlem Road
- Depew:** Polish Falcons - 445 Columbia Avenue
- East Amherst:** Ovarian Cancer Project Office 8610 Transit Road (near Klein Road)
- Hamburg:** CJS Falcon Center, 4550 Southwestern Blvd (between S. Park & Camp Rd)

| Description | Color | Quantity | X | Unit Price | Total |
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| 1 Flat of (10) 4 1/2" Pot Size Geraniums | Patriot Red | | X | \$42.50 | |
| 1 Flat of (10) 4 1/2" Pot Size Geraniums | Salmon | | X | \$42.50 | |
| 1 Flat of (10) 4 1/2" Pot Size Geraniums | Pink | | X | \$42.50 | |
| 1 Flat of (10) 4 1/2" Pot Size Geraniums | Patriot White | | X | \$42.50 | |
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NOTE: Price includes sales tax

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Together We Make A Difference. THANK YOU!

*** Disclaimer: Due to logistics and the increase in the size of our fundraiser, we will no longer hold or deliver orders. Please arrange to have a neighbor, friend, or coworker pick up your order on Saturday, May 9th, between 10 AM and 1:00 PM**



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Mark Your Calendars

Survivor Support Group

Meets on the 3rd Saturday each month,
10:30am – 12:30 pm.
Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group

Call 716-458-0382 for more information.

Bowling “Fun” raiser for OCP

Sunday, April 26th 1-3 pm: at Cherry Laurel Lanes,
170 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228

WNY Wheels 4 Teal Car Show

Sunday, August 9th

The Bouquet Project

Saturday, September 5th – at Goody Girl Flower Farm

Annual 3-Day Survivor Retreat: Journey to Freedom

Friday, August 28, at 10 am
August 30, at 10 am
Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Silver Lake, NY
Registration required.

3rd Annual Empowering Steps Walk

Sunday, September 13th at Beaver Island
State Park, Grand Island, NY



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