



April 2022

Dear Zoya,

One of the most important things we can do during the ongoing pandemic is connect with one another; be it for support, companionship, or both. One survivor's recent comment reaffirms the value of a caring community:

"I am so grateful for OCAOSW's support group. Being isolated from family and friends, the support group meetings have made me feel that I'm not alone. It's a place where I can freely share how I am feeling and know I am being listened to. Whenever I'm asked how I am doing mentally, I always give credit to the support I am getting from OCAOSW's support group." Louise

We are here for you:

- April 15, [OCAOSW Virtual Support Group](#)
- May 18, [OCAOSW Virtual Support Group](#)
- June 16, [OCAOSW Virtual Support Group](#)
- June 29, Annual Medical Update - Registration to open soon

Please save the date for our in-person (fingers crossed!) 10th Annual O-Vary Funny FUNdraiser: October 1 at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland.

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Warmest regards,

[Zoya Kumar](#)

Executive Director

In Her Own Words:

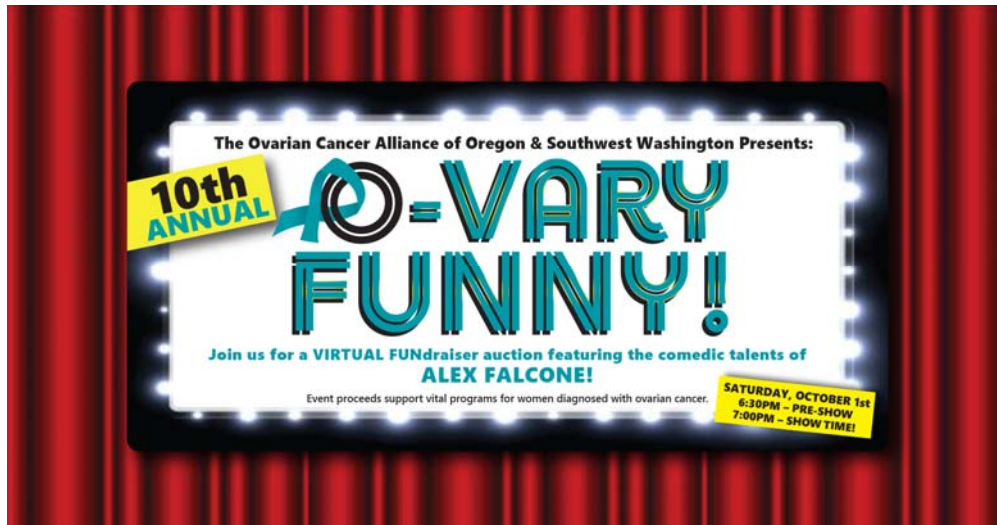
Sherry Hanson 2022 Update!

In May 2009 I...read more [here](#)



April 2022 Survivor/Volunteer Luncheon Postponed

You spoke, we listened. In an abundance of caution for the safety of our community, the April 2022 Survivor/Volunteer Luncheon is postponed until we can meet safely en masse again.



2022 O-Vary Funny - Celebrating a Decade!

Save the date: October 1, 2022, for our 10th Annual O-Vary Funny FUNdraiser! Our featured comedian is Alex Falcone. You can expect great silent auction items and special surprises as we honor survivors and raise funds for our mission.

Stay tuned for more information!



Promising News!

Increases for Federal Ovarian Cancer Programs Funding Signed Into Law

Thanks in large part to advocacy from THIS community, federal funding for ovarian cancer research and education programs are set to receive a significant boost.

President Biden signed the FY2022 spending bill into law on 3/11/22, implementing major increases in several key areas:

- The Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP), part of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), will receive \$45 million — an

increase of \$10 million — and is one of the only cancer research programs within the CDMRP to receive an increase this year.

- Ovarian cancer education and awareness programs at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — Johanna's Law and the Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative — will each receive a \$500,000 increase.
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) receives a significant increase of \$353 million, outpacing the overall increase for the NIH.
- In exciting news, ARPA-H, Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health — a brand-new department designed to advance biomedical breakthroughs — will be funded at \$1 billion.

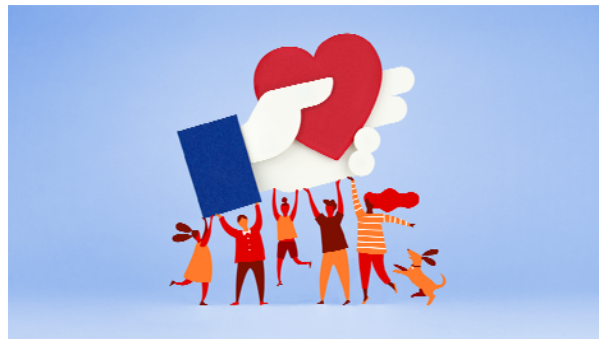
This budget represents a major victory for the ovarian cancer community. We applaud OCRA's advocates who raised their voices through action alerts, Advocacy Day, and more. Your voice DOES make a difference!

Learn more [here](#).

OCRA's Virtual Ovarian Cancer National Conference

Save the Dates: September 21-23, 2022

The Uniting for Hope Ovarian Cancer National Conference, presented by Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, is the largest and longest-running ovarian cancer conference. It brings together patients, caregivers, survivors, advocates and friends to learn about the latest developments in diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. The conference offers opportunities to learn, connect and support, all from the comfort of your own home. Sign up [here](#) to receive registration information.



Facebook Fundraisers

Easy Way to Raise Awareness, Funds, and Make a Big Difference

Now more than ever, it's easy to raise funds and raise mission awareness for OCAOSW. Inspire your friends and family with your passion for our mission by sharing your special day with us.

A Facebook fundraiser posted to your timeline tells your friends and family what matters to you on your special day. It doesn't have to be instead of cake and cards — you can have those things too!

Learn how to create a Facebook fundraiser [here](#).

The PATHFINDER 2 Study Open for Enrollment

Too often, cancer goes undetected until it is at an advanced stage. Thinking about the possibility of having cancer can feel overwhelming, but taking steps to find cancer early can help you feel more in control of your health. The earlier that cancer is found, the higher the chance of survival.

The PATHFINDER 2 Study will evaluate the performance of a multi-cancer early detection test, called Galleri, that can detect many types of cancer through a simple blood draw. This test is being studied and is not approved or cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It is not meant to replace the cancer screening tests your healthcare provider may recommend, such as colonoscopy or mammography.

The PATHFINDER 2 Study is currently open to men and women aged 50 years or older who meet eligibility criteria and receive care at participating health systems. Participants in previous or ongoing GRAIL sponsored studies are not eligible to participate in the PATHFINDER 2 Study.

To see if you are eligible to enroll, please contact the PATHFINDER 2 Study Team [here](#).

No Out of Pocket Genetic Re-Testing

Have you previously tested for BRCA1/BRCA2 full testing or for Lynch Syndrome prior to 2013? If so, you may qualify for update testing at no out of pocket expense. Check with your geneticist or provider for more information.

Story Time: Seeking IHOW Authors

In Her Own Words is one of the most read and appreciated articles in our newsletter and on our website. If you're interested in sharing your journey with our community, please contact [Diane O'Connor](#).

Camp Mak-a-Dream in Gold Creek, MT Retreats

Please visit this [page](#) for details on event and programming changes based on current recommendations and restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation.



For more camp information, click [here](#).

Easy Ways to Make a Significant Difference



Set up a Facebook Fundraiser to benefit the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Follow these [easy instructions](#).

You'll make a big difference in the lives of survivors by helping fund our emotional and financial support programs.



Make a difference when you shop! Please consider linking your online Amazon shopping account to the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and SW Washington. For every dollar spent, **OCAOSW** receives a [donation from AmazonSmile](#) and that is surely something to smile about!



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