



ARM YOURSELF AGAINST OVARIAN CANCER

## Backgrounder

On Sept. 1, 2007, the Anne Rita Monahan Foundation was established by its namesake, a heroic ovarian cancer fighter. With her altruistic vision of warning other women against the disease that she continues to fight daily, Monahan—with the physical, emotional and financial support of treasured friends—set in motion her Foundation to fight back against ovarian cancer.

Although the disease is often difficult to detect, ovarian cancer has key symptoms (See Fact Sheet for symptoms) women should watch for when observing their bodies and their states of health. The Anne Rita Monahan Foundation is dedicated to educating and raising awareness of these signs and symptoms so that early detection will increase and instances of misdiagnosis will decrease. The Foundation also raises finances to help fund the discovery of an effective, reliable screening tool that will help detect this type of cancer early to give women affected by it the best opportunity for full remission.

The Foundation is governed by a five-member board of directors composed of the following individuals with their corresponding titles:

- Anne Steele, president
- Richard Corley, treasurer
- Susan Lentz, secretary
- Rachel Busch, board member
- Gayle Parker, board member

Through its Web site and various fund-raising events, the ARM Foundation marches towards its mission to eradicate ovarian cancer through outreach and educational programs to both the public and the medical community.

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