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Women for MACC Presents Final Contribution to the MACC Fund *After 40 Years, Women for MACC Will Reimagine Their Efforts to Support Childhood Cancer Research*

Milwaukee, Wis. – Women for MACC, Inc. (WMACC), a non-profit, charitable volunteer group that has been dedicated to bringing hope to families through research and awareness to end childhood cancer and related blood disorders, presented their final independent contribution of \$125,000 to the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Inc. (MACC Fund) at their recent Winter Social.

Over the last 40 years, WMACC has contributed more than \$5.5 million to support the MACC Fund's mission to fight childhood cancer and related blood disorders by providing critical funding for research of cures and treatments. Women for MACC also announced their dissolution at their Winter Social, effective December 31, 2022. This decision was reached after thorough financial analysis and thoughtful discussion between representatives of the MACC Fund and the WMACC Board of Directors.

"We rely on membership dues to cover our operating costs so 100% of the funds raised through our charitable events can directly benefit the MACC Fund," said Stacey Meyer, WMACC President. "The nature of membership-based organizations has changed over the last 40 years. It was time to reevaluate how our volunteers could make the biggest impact in the fight against childhood cancer and related blood disorders."

A look behind the battle, by the numbers:

- **Every two minutes**, a child is diagnosed with cancer.
- Cancer is the **#1 cause of death by disease among children** under 19 years old.
- The average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is **six years old**.

- There are more than **12 major types** of childhood cancer and more than **100 subtypes**.
- Childhood cancers are harder to diagnose early – its **spread to other areas of the body in 80% of children** prior to diagnosis.
- Childhood cancer survivors are **twice as likely to suffer chronic health conditions**.
- Since 1980, **fewer than 11 drugs** have been developed specifically for use in children with cancer.

WMACC's Board of Directors will become a volunteer committee benefiting the MACC Fund and will continue to plan and execute their flagship fundraising events – Nine, Wine & Dine and Designed to Inspire. The committee looks forward to promoting a new event slated to take place in early summer of 2023 and coordinating efforts to further the mission, including wish list drives for the MACC Fund Cancer Center at Children's Wisconsin and blood drives.

"The impact that Women for MACC has made on the fight against cancer is significant and we are grateful," stated Becky Pinter, MACC Fund President & CEO. "This restructuring will enable us to share resources and make an even bigger difference on the fight against childhood cancer and related blood disorders."

ABOUT WOMEN FOR MACC:

Women for MACC, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization bringing hope to families through research & awareness to end childhood cancer and related blood disorders. Working in partnership with the MACC Fund, we are a volunteer group dedicated to raising awareness and funds in hopes that one day we can end this horrible disease that has taken the lives of so many children. Learn more at: www.womenformacc.org

ABOUT THE MACC FUND:

Founded in 1976, Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Inc. (MACC Fund) is dedicated to funding childhood cancer and related blood disorder research. The MACC Fund is a 501(c)(3).

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