

## NEWS RELEASE

**Robin Hice**  
Manager of Media Relations & Advertising  
rhice@harbinclinc.com

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Harbin Hosts Georgia Cancer Coalition Meeting at Harbin Clinic Tony E. Warren, M.D. Cancer Center**

ROME, GA, April 21, 2011 – Harbin Clinic hosted the Georgia Cancer Coalition’s (GCC) quarterly board meeting, yesterday, at the Harbin Clinic Tony E. Warren, M.D. Cancer Center. Members of the GCC board of trustees convened in the Jeanne & Gardner Wright conference room to cover general business and then tour the state-of-the-art facility.

Dr. Ken Davis, Harbin Clinic President and CEO, spoke to the group making a presentation that recapped Harbin’s history and its relationship with the GCC over the years culminating in Harbin’s construction of the Harbin Clinic Tony E. Warren Cancer Center - a vision finally realized after years of strategic planning.

“Harbin Clinic and the GCC are linked forever,” Davis emphasized in comments after the meeting, “because we share the same vision for cancer care, prevention and research.” Davis also said that through the past leadership of the GCC founder, the late Hamilton Jordan, the GCC has been a catalyst for positive change in cancer initiatives in Georgia.

The Georgia Cancer Coalition is an independent, not-for-profit organization that unites government agencies, academic institutions, civic groups, corporations and health care organizations in a concerted effort to strengthen cancer prevention, research and treatment in Georgia, with the ultimate goal of making Georgia one of the nation's premier states for cancer care. The GCC's mission is to reduce the number of cancer-related deaths in Georgia. The Coalition is the first of its kind in the nation and is fast becoming a national model.

William (Bill) Todd, President and CEO of the GCC said that the board was pleased to be able to meet in Rome and tour the cancer center. Other quarterly meetings have been held in Savannah and Columbus. Todd commended, not only the medical community in Rome for supporting the cancer center vision, but also the private sector. "Clearly businesses and civic organizations came forward and met the challenge of supporting this effort [by Harbin] and that is very powerful. Nowhere is that more successful than here," Todd said.

Tours of the facility were provided after the meeting. For most of the Coalition board, it was the first time to visit the comprehensive cancer center. The Cancer Center officially opened Sunday, April 10, 2011 when Harbin Clinic held a community-wide open house where over 800 people turned out for the event.

GCC board members and staff attending the meeting included: Seated from left, Amy Moore, PhD/GCC Manager Research Programs; Philip Lamson/GCC Consultant; Angie Patterson/GCC Vice President and COO; Nancy Parris/GCC. Standing from left: Ken Davis, M.D./President and CEO Harbin Clinic; Jenny Pruitt/President and CEO Atlanta Fine Homes; Frank Barron/Retired Vice President Rome Coca-Cola Bottling Company; Kathelen Amos/President AFLAC Foundation; Richard Moore/President RDM Investments; Dorothy Jordan, MN PMHCNS-BC, Founder of Camp Sunshine; Bill Todd/GCC President; and Alan Wills/GCC Vice President and CFO.

###