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**Greater Rome Medical
Community to Cooperate
in Georgia Cancer
Coalition's Quality
Information Exchange**

 Health care providers in Rome – including *Harbin Clinic, Floyd Medical Center* and *Redmond Regional Medical Center* – are joining with the *Georgia Cancer Coalition* in a pilot project whose goal is to develop a system for measuring the quality of cancer care, **Dr. Ken Davis, Harbin Clinic**, announced. The Georgia Cancer Quality Information Exchange has the potential of becoming the first statewide evidence-based cancer quality measurement program in the country.



Dr. Ken Davis

Many factors played into the Georgia Cancer Coalition's decision to make Rome the state's second demonstration site for "The Exchange." Among the most significant is the community's health care providers' willingness to join forces.


"This is a great example of how we can work together on a project for the good of the patients of Rome, Floyd County and Northwest Georgia," Dr. Davis said at a press conference announcing The Exchange.



At the press conference announcing the Georgia Cancer Quality Information Exchange are (pictured, l-r) Dr. Matthew Mumber, Harbin Clinic; Brenda Waltz (LR, '05), Redmond Regional Medical Center; Kurt Stuenkel (LR, '85); Bill Todd, Georgia Cancer Coalition CEO; and Tom Fricks (LR, '03), Harbin Clinic.

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**Halftime Breakfast Offers
Information on Partners
in Prosperity, Rome-Floyd
20/20**

 Investors in the *Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce's Partners in Prosperity Campaign* were updated on its progress and encouraged to continue its momentum at the Partners in Prosperity Halftime Breakfast at *Coosa Country Club* February 21st. In addition, the attendees were given information regarding an update to the *Rome-Floyd 20/20 Community and Economic Development Plan*.



Partners in Prosperity Chairman Otis Raybon, News Publishing Co. (left) and Dr. Randy Pierce, President of Georgia Highlands College, discuss the Partners in Prosperity campaign following the Partners in Prosperity Halftime Breakfast.

The Partners in Prosperity campaign was initiated in 2004 with the goal of raising \$1.8 million over five years in order to further strengthen the Chamber's role in creating greater prosperity in Rome and Floyd County. Campaign General Chairman **Otis Raybon, News Publishing Co.**, noted that investors' initial pledges have exceeded that goal, committing \$2.1 million in pledges.

Mr. Raybon outlined many of the programs that Partners in Prosperity has made possible, mentioning the Chamber's involvement in the Red Carpet Tour and International VIP Tour, in which the local business community has been showcased to economic developers from all over the world; executive briefings in Atlanta in which a small, rotating group of leaders from Rome-based businesses have the opportunity to address executives and primary decision makers

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