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## **NORTHEAST GEORGIA PHYSICIANS GROUP, HALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT CELEBRATE RIBBON CUTTING AT NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC**

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – Since 2008, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group (NGPG) and the Hall County Health Department have worked together to make health care more accessible for patients who can't always afford the services they need. Now many of those patients will visit a beautiful new office, as NGPG and the Health Department recently cut the ribbon to officially open the new NGPG Community Clinic in Gainesville at 1292 Athens Street.

“This new building is a fresh start for the care we’ve been providing at this location for more than 15 years,” said Antonio Rios, MD, chief of population health at Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS). “We’re proud to continue serving this community we’ve been a part of for so long.”

NGPG is leasing the new, 8,000-square-foot building from Hall County. Previously, NGPG leased space inside a wing of the Health Department. In this new space, NGPG will continue to provide primary care, medication assistance, diabetes education, behavioral health services and social work services – all available at reduced costs based on what each patient can afford, regardless of insurance.

“Our patients deserve to be treated in the same modern, welcoming environment as anyone else,” said Georgina Kalaitzidis, MD, a longtime physician at NGPG Community Clinic. “It’s all part of our mission to improve the health of the community in all we do.”

Dr. Kalaitzidis, along with Babette Irizarry, MD, and Samantha Wilson, PA, are accepting new patients. The clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit [ngpg.org/community-clinic](https://ngpg.org/community-clinic) or call 770-219-9400.

“This is an exciting milestone for the Health Department Campus project and for the citizens of Hall County,” said Hall County District 4 Commissioner Jeff Stowe. “This new state-of-the-art building will help serve the growing population and provide our citizens with the quality care they want, need and deserve.”

### **Photo cutlines:**

*Photo 1: Northeast Georgia Physicians Group and Hall County Government recently celebrated the opening of a new building on the Hall County Health Department’s campus in Gainesville. The new building houses the NGPG Community Clinic, formerly known as the NGPG Primary Care Clinic. Pictured from L-R: Casey Ramsey, Assistant County Administrator, Hall County Government; Zach Propes, County Administrator, Hall County Government; Sam Couvillon, Mayor, City of Gainesville; Daniel Tuffy, President and Chief Administrative Officer, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group; Jeff Stowe, District 4 Commissioner, Hall County Government; Lee Hawkins, state representative, 27<sup>th</sup> Georgia House District; Carol Burrell, President and CEO, Northeast Georgia Health System;*

*Barbara Brooks, Ward 3 Council Member; City of Gainesville; Abigail Guzman, Ward 4 Council Member, City of Gainesville; Samantha Wilson, PA, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group. (Photo courtesy of Natalee La Douceur, Hall County Government)*

*Photo 2: Northeast Georgia Physicians Group is leasing a new, 8,000-square-foot building from the Hall County Government. Previously, NGPG leased space inside a wing of the Hall County Health Department. In this new space, NGPG will continue to provide primary care, medication assistance, diabetes education, behavioral health services and social work services – all available at reduced costs based on what each patient can afford, regardless of insurance. (Photo courtesy of Hogan Construction Group)*







