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NURSE PRACTITIONER INSPIRED BY BROTHER'S CANCER JOURNEY NOW CARING FOR HER OWN COMMUNITY

TOCCOA, Ga. – Jeanilee Harbin, a family nurse practitioner, hadn't thought much about her future career or what she would do with her life until her brother was diagnosed with cancer as a child. As his life was quickly consumed by visits to the hospital, surrounded by doctors and nurses, she decided she wanted to have the same impact on others as those providers had on her brother, her family and herself. She's now bringing the compassionate care she saw then, and she's since learned, to patients at Northeast Georgia Physicians Group (NGPG) Toccoa Clinic Internal Medicine.

"I love meeting people where they are," Harbin said. "In the good times and the bad times, I want to be one of the people they turn to. And I'm excited I get to do that now for my community in Toccoa."

Harbin has lived in Toccoa for the past seven years where her husband, Crosby, is the student pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church. She's also involved at Ebenezer Baptist, leading a small group for middle school girls and going on mission trips, where she's learned to make the most of the resources she has.

"These trips have made me realize that whether you're in Africa or the United States, there is always an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life," Harbin said.

Harbin's career started at Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) Gainesville soon after she earned her nursing degree from Truett McConnell University. She worked as a

registered nurse on a few different hospital floors as she earned her master's degree from South University in Savannah, Georgia. She's completed advanced training, called a preceptorship, with NGPG Toccoa Clinic Internal Medicine while also working at NGMC Braselton.

"I chose to go into primary care because it gives me the opportunity to get to know my patients and follow them throughout their health journey," Harbin said. "I am also passionate about patient education, and I feel like I can dive deep into that at NGPG Toccoa Clinic."

A mother of four, Harbin enjoys spending time with her family at the lake, on family vacations and on mission trips with her church.

NGPG Toccoa Clinic Internal Medicine is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is located at 58 Big A Road. Call 706-886-6819 to schedule an appointment with Harbin or visit ngpg.org/harbin to learn more.

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