

## Developer makes healthy donation to rural clinics

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Gramling Brothers Real Estate and Development, the company behind the Cane Bay Plantation project in lower Berkeley County, contributed the funds to the Maude Callen Health Center in Pineville and Cross Health Center so they can build new clinics.

"This donation represents our desire to see the county as a whole improve, not just the area around our project," said Ben Gramling III, company president.

Berkeley County Supervisor Jim Rozier said the donations contribute to the community's welfare.

"In the rural areas of Berkeley County, health care is one of the services that goes lacking, unfortunately," he said.

Cross Health Center, operated by the Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Center, has outgrown its current facility and has standing room only for the 350-400 patients seen every month in its 1,500- square-foot building.

Ronald A. Ravenell, the executive director of Fetter center, said the current facility was built in the 1960s and cannot be upgraded.

"This clinic is well-established in this area and it helps a lot of people," said Elijah Wright, a Cross resident and health center board member.

"I don't know what we'd do without it," Wright said.

The Pineville center has been out of operation for 20 years, but a group of local leaders have started a drive to reopen it.

Plans for the clinic, named in honor of Maude Callen who served Berkeley County for 60 years as a nurse midwife, include adding Internet-based health care services.

The coverage area will be Pineville, Russellville and St. Stephen.

"The citizens of this area deserve to have those services and deserve to have them delivered in a nice facility," said John

Rembert, a trustee on the health center board.

### Moving to 'Fore!' front

Known for its tennis and soccer stadiums, biking and jogging trails, Daniel Island is receiving acclaim for another sports-related perk: its golf courses.

New publication Golf Magazine Living picked the 4,000-acre island in the city limits of Charleston among its "50 Best Golf Communities in America."

Golf Magazine Living considered property values, quality of golf and proximity to metro areas among its criteria.

In addition to two 18-hole courses designed by Tom Fazio and Rees Jones, the Daniel Island Club offers members and guests a 14-acre golf learning center and golf clubhouse.

"People who want to live in an upscale golf community today are looking for more than great golf," said Matt Sloan, chief operating officer for developer the Daniel Island Company.

### Realtors: 'Play fair'

Housing discrimination is illegal, not to mention bad business.

But if anyone needs a reminder, Realtors, including those in South Carolina, are gearing up to let the public know that April is National Fair Housing Month.

"This is an important time to reaffirm our commitment to fair housing," said Jim Peters, chief executive of the more than 17,000-member South Carolina Association of Realtors.

Efforts include an online hub at [www.screaltors.com](http://www.screaltors.com), said Jacque Riley, S.C. Realtors group spokesman.

Visitors can download Fair Housing Month proclamations and posters, brush up on the law, test their knowledge with a fair housing quiz and learn about related volunteer opportunities.

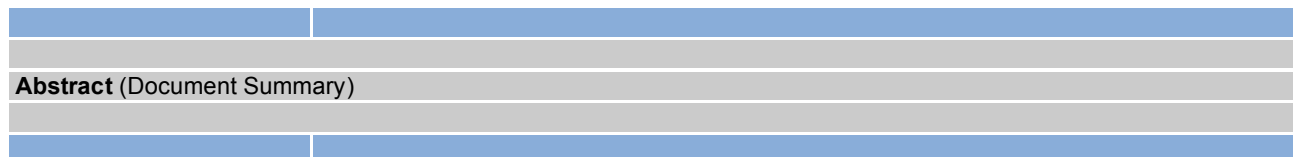
Residents can get involved by sharing their encounters with the Fair Housing Law.

The South Carolina Association of Realtors is compiling a collection of fair housing stories to ensure that future generations understand the struggle for housing equality.

Personal accounts can be submitted to the South Carolina Association of Realtors, P.O. Box 21827, Columbia, SC 29221 or e- mailed to [FairHousingStories@screaltors.org](mailto:FairHousingStories@screaltors.org).

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