

A wide-angle photograph of the Berkeley Hall clubhouse, a large, two-story brick building with a dark roof and white trim. The building features a central entrance with a portico supported by columns. The clubhouse is surrounded by a well-manicured lawn and mature trees.

Membership at Berkeley Hall includes access to a Jeffersonian-style clubhouse, two Fazio courses, a spa and fitness center, a six-court tennis complex, pickleball courts, state-of-the-art practice facility and learning center, dog park, the River Park and community dock, 10 miles of nature trails, and 26 guest cottages.

Helping Hands

Berkeley Hall — Supporting the local community.

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (just off Hilton Head Island): In a time where Americans donate more than \$1 billion per day to 1.5 million charitable organizations across the country, the private golf community of Berkeley Hall has established a charitable foundation that has donated more than \$2 million to local charities since its inception in 2008.

With the Berkeley Hall Charitable Foundation's vision to "make a difference by addressing the basic human needs, especially those who are most vulnerable," the community has a rich history of philanthropy in the Lowcountry.

"Our covenant states all funds be earmarked for local efforts," explained John Kourakos, foundation chairman. "This year, 80 percent of our membership contributed to

the foundation. And recently, for the first time in our club's history, we had a member establish a matching donation fund of \$50,000 to inspire contributions through the end of the year. This, in addition to our signature fundraising event, the Charity Cup Golf Tournament in October, allows us to fund the following year's grant cycle. The more funds raised, the more the foundation can do to help, and the need is greater than ever."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

John Kourakos has a deep commitment to making a difference, having served on the Charitable Foundation board for several years prior to his role as chairman.

Born and raised in Bronx, New York, he had a lengthy career in the fashion industry, eventually retiring as president of Calvin Klein apparel. "As a youngster, I played in the streets amid an atmosphere of diversity. My dad was a shoe repairman who worked long hours and rarely took time off. I appreciate that not everyone has access to the same tools and mentors as I had," recalled Kourakos. "And there is much we can all do together, by paying it forward. Thanks to the continued support of our community, we were able to approve 23 grants to local non-profits this past year, grants that will have a considerable impact on improving the lives of many Bluffton area residents. This profound compassion truly represents the best of our Berkeley Hall community and what the Lowcountry stands for." ■



For membership information, visit BerkeleyHallClub.com.



“At Berkeley Hall, a round feels like a walk in the park. My courses represent pure golf at its finest. I consider it one of the great communities on the East Coast. It’s a shining example of a private community with golf done right.” — TOM FAZIO

Sized Right

“Ease of access is one of our community’s strongest assets. Every imaginable amenity is close by from shops to dining and nearby beaches. Even the Savannah Airport is only 25 minutes away.

“Our Jeffersonian-style clubhouse and Fazio courses form the ‘core of the community.’ Berkeley Hall is one of the lowest density private clubs in the Southeast. I like to refer to our community as a point where the river meets the sea.

“As you gaze at our ever-changing landscape, depending on the tide, you may be looking at oyster beds, native grasses, or, with a little luck, catch a glimpse of dolphins frolicking in the water.

“The golf courses offer a core routing patterned after the classic designs of Winged Foot and Seminole, with a layout uninterrupted by any interior homes or roads. The North Course is the most undulating in the area, while the South Course is strikingly different with a parkland setting and colorful azaleas scattered about. Both courses have significant elevation change for the coastal Carolinas. As you approach the 8th tee box of our North Course, you are standing two stories above a canopy of trees with an almost 360-degree, unobstructed view of tidal marshlands.

“The Golf Learning Center is the crown jewel of our 33-acre practice facility. Four climate-controlled hitting bays allow you to hone your game, no matter the time of year.” — ADAM KUSHNER, GENERAL MANAGER/COO



The seeds for the Berkeley Hall Charitable Foundation were planted in 2008 as members of Berkeley Hall came together to host the first Charity Cup golf tournament and evening event. Today, the foundation has raised more than \$2 million for local charities.

