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## Augusta National employees make charity donation

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Augusta National Golf Club employees helped present a check to the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History this morning as part of the club's annual charity donation.

The Community Foundation for the CSRA received a \$1.5 million gift from Augusta National in June. The gift included the first \$500,000 installment of a \$3 million pledge to the Salvation Army's Augusta-area Kroc Center, and it also included \$250,000 earmarked for charities selected by the club's employees.

Thirteen employees selected the museum, and a check was presented for \$8,000 by Lee Smith, the foundation's president and CEO.

"It's such an outstanding gift to us and it's a reminder that the community foundation has supported us tremendously since the beginning of their project," said Christine Miller-Betts, executive director of the museum. "And now that the employees are included in the process, it's wonderful. It lets us know how much the community believes in us."

Augusta National made a total donation of \$3.4 million this year, including the local gift and a \$1 million donation to the national First Tee program.

Later Tuesday, Augusta National employees were scheduled to make a check presentation to the Medical College of Georgia's Children's Medical Center.

"It makes a statement for employees to do what is best for the community and what will help our community," Smith said.