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Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community is raising the bar for retirement living, one joy-filled experience at a time.

estled across more than 120 acres of James Island marshland, Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community offers seniors a quintessential Southern setting to embrace the next chapter in their lives. Founded in 1850 with a faith-driven mission, the life plan community embodies peace and light.

"Bishop Gadsden embraces God's call to ministry," says Sarah Tipton, president and CEO. "We affirm positive living for all who live and work here, as well as serve with integrity, exercise wise stewardship, and reach out with a generous spirit. These actional items are the 'Bishop Gadsden Way' and are lived out every day in our community."

CHANGING THE PARADIGM

A holistic approach to living illustrates Bishop Gadsden's goal to act out its mission, as physical, mental, and spiritual wellness are fostered through cycling groups, lectures on art history, and religious counselors. Regardless of a resident's preferences—whether desiring independence or needing personalized care—Bishop Gadsden offers a place for people of all walks of life in its modern apartments and cottages.

It's part of the community's commitment to excellence in senior living that has defined its approach since the beginning. Forward-thinking, industry-leading initiatives, such as world-class culinary experiences and cultural events, help Bishop Gadsden stand out while keeping it connected to its Charleston neighbors. "Year after year, we've grown our offerings and have become the standard many in the senior living industry strive toward," Tipton adds.

While a vibrant city north and a serene beach town south influence the culture of Bishop Gadsden, the more than 500 residents and 400 team members create the community's character. "We have a defined and special culture," says Kimberly Borts, director of charitable giving and communications. "You feel it as you drive onto the 120-plus acres of natural landscape and pass residents walking their dogs, playing croquet, or participating in the model yacht club. But it's most felt as you personally encounter members of the community."

FUTURE-FOCUSED, LEGACY-DRIVEN

Bishop Gadsden has grown exponentially since its inception, with no signs of slowing down. From a single home in 1850 to multiple award-winning residences today, the community is consistently looking for ways to help seniors make the most of their lives.

Recently that mission has iterated as the new Bishop Gadsden Center for Health and Rehab, where 32 memory care, 64 long-term skilled care, and 32 short-term skilled post-acute rehab residences will serve those who need additional support.

"Lowcountry architecture complements stunning oaks featured on the property, creating a beautiful connection to the current Bishop Gadsden community," says Borts. "When the doors open to the center, all that walk through the meticulously designed space will feel an aura of health and healing."

Providing top-tier amenities and care are top of mind for the Bishop Gadsden team, but the community will always hold firm to its founding vision. "In our 170-plus years, we've experienced



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earthquakes, wars, economic turmoil, and two pandemics," says Tipton. "We have a strong belief and faith in our mission. With that at our back, we look forward to an incredible future."

