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## **Penn Center, Inc.**

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### **SC Rosenwald School**

### **Traveling Exhibit**

**York W. Bailey Museum**

**March 10 – April 16, 2010**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has created a special exhibit titled *Rosenwald Schools: Reflection and Revival* that will be traveling around the state in 2010. The exhibit will visit the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium in Orangeburg, the Penn Center in St. Helena, Burgess Elementary School in Conway, Dillon County Library in Dillon, and the Sumter African American Cultural Society in Sumter. The Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> supported the exhibit through a Major Grant in February 2009

The Rosenwald Schools are a series of 5,300 structures built in the early 20th century to provide decent public schools for African Americans across the segregated South. Although many of these historic and architecturally significant schools have been lost to time, preservationists continue their search to locate schools that may still be standing, including the approximately 500 Rosenwald Schools built in South Carolina.

Penn Center is one site that has preserved an **original Rosenwald School** that was built on St. Helena Island in the early 1900s. The building is used today as an educational facility for the Dennis and Catherine Green Early Learning Center. The Greens were the benefactors who restored and renovated the school for the Penn Center. Tours of the Rosenwald School will be scheduled during the showing of the exhibit.

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