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## CNL Crosland lands tenants at Blakeney, Sharon Corners

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CNL Crosland Commercial real estate has signed some new tenants at two well-known retail centers in Charlotte.

Flywheel Sports Inc. is expected to open at Blakeney in January and will occupy 4,617 square feet on the second level near Banana Republic. The indoor cycling studio also is opening a location in Providence Plaza.

Accessory boutique Bijuju opened earlier this month at Blakeney and occupies 1,418 square feet next to Talbots and Seventy-Two Shoe Boutique. Bijuju offers handbags, hats, scarves and other items. The Charlotte location is the company's ninth in the Carolinas.

Bijuju moved into a space formerly occupied by Creative by Nature Home, which relocated into a 2,656-square-foot space at Blakeney, doubling its footprint. Creative by Nature Home offers designer home accessories, floral designs, furniture and gifts. It created an expanded show room when it moved.

At Sharon Corners, national chain Gigi's Cupcakes has leased 1,200 square feet for its first Charlotte store. The company is taking a space formerly occupied by French shoe chain Mephisto, which has relocated and expanded into 2,499 square feet next to the Original Pancake House. Gigi's is expected to open in December.

It's another new tenant for the retail center, which is undergoing a \$6 million redevelopment. In September, Fibre Studio opened a yarn store, taking 1,799 square feet.

Gwen Glaeser of CNL Crosland represented Crosland, which owns the shopping centers through affiliate companies. Charles Thrift of Collett & Associates represented Flywheel, Mike Elleman of Retail Portfolio Strategies represented Bijuju, and Michelle Buckley of The Shopping Center Group represented Gigi's.