

Dan Cathy to give Chick-Fil-A windfall to anti-gay groups, Herman Cain suggests

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Former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain has said that Chick-Fil-A CEO Dan Cathy confided to him that the company earned \$30 million on Appreciation Day and said that he would donate that money to "the charitable organizations they support."

In a Fox News appearance, Cain claimed that gay rights supporters are protesting Chick-Fil-A's opposition to gay marriage to gain attention.

"This is simply an attempt on the part of the gay community to try to leverage their beliefs on another institution, a private company, since they can't seem to get enough attention. That is what this is about," said Cain, a onetime GOP presidential frontrunner.

Wednesday's Chick-Fil-A Appreciation Day called on conservatives to patronize the eateries to support Cathy, who created a firestorm of protest when he said that gay marriage is "inviting God's judgment on our nation."

"Dan's sales were in excess of \$30 million on that day, which is almost twice his previous high," Cain said. "They are going to take a lot the excess profit they got on that day and contribute it to the charitable organizations they support in even bigger numbers."

According to EqualityMatters.org, Chick-Fil-A's charitable arm, The WinShape Foundation, gave nearly \$2 million to anti-gay groups in 2010, more than any other year for which public records are available.