

## The Value of an Exchange Membership

Anyone can volunteer, and we are all capable of finding ways to help our communities.

### So, why join Exchange?

The benefits of joining a national, renowned service organization are numerous:

- Access to fundraising and event planning tools that make it easy to be a member - grassroots planning is a thing of the past!
- Developing a network of business professionals, or simply making friends.
- Uniting to spread prevention of child abuse education and awareness throughout the country.
- Representing standards of excellence and leadership in communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.
- Sharing ideas and collaborating about ways to improve communities.
- Building relationships with others in your community.
- Growing as a leader, personally and professionally, through innovative guidance and training offered by a professional National Headquarters staff.



### Vision

A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.

### Mission

Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.

### Motto

Unity for Service





### Core Values

Family, Community, Country



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# Inspiring Change!



## Exchange's Core Values

Each member of Exchange upholds three core values: Family, Community, and Country.

**Commitment to Family** is interpreted not only as one's own family, but all American families.

**Commitment to the Community** is the focal point for each Exchange Club's efforts. Exchange is unique, as clubs have the flexibility to structure projects targeting needs of their communities, rather than being tied to a certain cause.



**Commitment to Country** was born in the aftermath of World War II, a time of unquenchable patriotism. Exchange Club members are proud to join veterans and other civic groups in promoting Americanism as the rich blessing of democracy and freedom. Members also educate today's youth to cherish these values.



**The National Exchange Club** is a network spanning the United States and Puerto Rico, all striving together to fulfill Exchange's Mission, *inspiring communities to become better places to live.*

Founded on March 27, 1911, in Detroit, MI, the organization is headquartered in Toledo, OH, and employs a staff dedicated to helping members and clubs achieve their goals.

The community-level clubs, Exchange Club districts, and National Headquarters support **three Programs of Service – Americanism, Community Service, and Youth Programs – as well as Exchange's National Project, the prevention of child abuse.** These Programs of Service serve as categories to help clubs organize the activities that benefit their communities.

## Americanism

This Program of Service promotes pride in our country, appreciation of the freedoms granted to American citizens, and gratitude to the men and women who serve/have served in the Armed Forces.



Americanism celebrates the country's rich, unique heritage and inspires unity from coast-to-coast.

## Community Service

Community service is the lifeline of Exchange, with local-level clubs devoting countless hours and dollars to serving their neighbors every year. Community Service is the Program of Service that most allows clubs to identify opportunities within their communities and offer assistance to fill gaps in services. Since the first group of Exchange Club members convened, Exchange has set the bar high for community service involvement!



## Youth Programs

America's young people are its most precious resource. For many years, Exchange Clubs and National Headquarters have sponsored an impressive selection of activities designed to benefit and encourage our nation's youth. Through college scholarships, mentoring and guidance, and service recognition, Exchange is making a difference to America's youngest generations.



## National Project

Prevention of child abuse became Exchange's National Project in 1979. To uphold its National Project, Exchange provides a variety of public awareness materials designed to help inform and increase awareness of child abuse and how it can be prevented. Such projects are implemented through Exchange Clubs and Exchange Club Centers for the Prevention of Child Abuse across the country. Through the scholarly-reviewed Exchange Parent Aide home visitation model, child abuse prevention experts work directly with at-risk families.



The National Exchange Club (NEC) Foundation, provides funding to support the Programs of Service and the National Project. Through the efforts of the NEC Foundation and its benefactors, more than 1.8 million children and more than 770,000 families have escaped the cycle of child abuse.



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# Join Us!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

If you are able, please provide the additional information:

Club city \_\_\_\_\_ Club state \_\_\_\_\_

*For club use only:*

Type:  New Member  Reinstatement  Transfer

Change of classification

Classification:  Active  Active Honorary  At-large

Life  Honorary  Family

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Club name \_\_\_\_\_

Club officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please give completed form to a club member.

