What is Exchange?

If you are looking to help others in your community, Exchange is for you!

Exchange is Building Leaders for Today and Tomorrow

If you are looking for ways to develop leadership skills and a network of contacts across the community and the country, Exchange is for you!

Exchange provides leadership training for its members and opportunities to apply this leadership in local club, district and national officer positions.

Exchange is America’s Service Club

Your local Exchange Club is comprised of some of the most active citizen leaders in your community, dedicated to helping one another and addressing the needs of your hometown.
The National Exchange Club is a network spanning the United States and Puerto Rico. The dynamic organization is comprised of more than 20,000 members and nearly 650 clubs, all striving together to fulfill Exchange’s Mission – “Working together to make our communities better places to live.”

Founded on March 27, 1911, in Detroit, Michigan, the organization is headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, and employs a staff of approximately 20 individuals dedicated to helping members and clubs achieve their goals.

The community-level clubs 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.

The National Project is the one specific initiative that Exchange encourages clubs to champion. Child abuse prevention awareness is encouraged through events such as “Blue Mondays,” when members are encouraged to spread awareness by wearing the color blue every Monday throughout Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Additionally, a dedicated Child Abuse Prevention Services staff supports Exchange Child Abuse Prevention Centers across America, and helps guide the educational/prevention efforts of National Staff.

### 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 those of all American families. Strengthening families, with a focus on youth, is addressed in many ways through Exchange’s Programs of Service.

**Commitment to the Community** where an Exchangite resides is the focal point for each 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. Exchangites are proud to join veterans and other civic groups in promoting Americanism as the rich blessing of democracy and freedom. Members also actively educate today’s youth to cherish these values.

### What is the Value of Exchange?

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 volunteer organization are numerous. Aside from the satisfaction of making a difference, Exchangeites:

- Build a network of like-minded professionals and friends
- Unite to spread child abuse prevention education and awareness throughout the country
- Represent standards of excellence and leadership in communities across the United States

- Share ideas for improving communities with other members nationwide
- Uphold three Programs of Service – Americanism, Youth Programs and Community Projects – and work together to reinforce these common values
- Support of a dedicated National Staff, upholding the Mission and Values of an established, tenured organization
- Share a connection with renowned social and political icons, such as George H.W. Bush, Eleanor Roosevelt and Bob Hope