

## The Exchange Club of Charleston, SC

The Evening Exchange Club of Charleston, SC was established in 2005. With a coed membership of mainly couples, the Evening Exchange Club is both a social and civic club. The civic aspect of the club is based on the four pillars of volunteerism of the National Exchange Club - Americanism, Community Service, Youth Programs and the national project - Child Abuse Prevention.

Members of the club volunteer their time to various charitable organizations, plus the club as a whole makes financial donations every year. All profits gained from the club's fund raising efforts are used to support charities in the Tri-County area (Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties) and provide scholarships to two deserving youth. The first is the ACE, Accepting the Challenge of Excellence, given to a young person who has overcome adversity in their young life. The second is the Youth of the Year Award presented to an outstanding young person who best exemplifies scholarship, leadership, citizenship and excellence of character. Over the years the charities have included but are not limited to The Apple Charter School, Fort Johnson Middle School, Hanahan High School, Orange Grove Elementary School, Low Country Orphan Relief, Darkness to Light, Crisis Ministries, Toys for Tots, Windwood Farm for Boys, and Wounded Warriors.

As a part of their activities for Americanism, The Evening Exchange Club celebrates Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day by raising over 100 flags along Lockwood Boulevard for the residents of the Charleston area to enjoy. The club now is offering flags for sale to individuals, communities and organizations as a means of raising money to support their charitable giving.

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