



Press Release

EXCHANGE CLUBS EXPAND TO RICHMOND

The National Exchange Club, a service organization comprised of some 900 clubs and 24,000 members across the United States and Puerto Rico is building a new club in Richmond, Texas. The first organizational meeting will be on Monday, March 22 at 6:30pm at La Cocina Restaurant, 515 FM 359 Road in Richmond.

Exchange Club members have the opportunity to develop personal and business leadership skills and network with other members while completing service projects that benefit their community.

Since 1979, Exchange's National Project has been the prevention of child abuse. Since then, Exchange has established 100 Child Abuse Prevention Centers across the country, including the ESCAPE Family Resource Center which provides child abuse prevention training in Ft Bend County. Through its Clubs and CAP Centers and programs, Exchange expends over \$60 million a year on Child Abuse Prevention. Other activities that Exchange members do are scholarships for youth, senior citizen programs, holiday gifts for the less fortunate and a myriad of other activities revolving around Exchange's Programs of Service, Youth Projects, Community Service, and Americanism.

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse. Exchange's goal is to ignite the spirit of community service throughout the nation. Founded in 1911, the organization is headquartered in Toledo, Ohio.

Since adopting the Prevention of Child Abuse as its national project 25 years ago, Exchange Clubs have founded more than 100 Child Abuse Prevention centers which served 225,000 abused children, one quarter of all the documented cases of child abuse, in 2003.

For more information on how to become involved in this progressive service organization or about the organizational meeting, contact Sugar Land Club President Betty Baitland at 281-242-0669 or Memorial Club President Tony Ackerman at 713-825-0710.
