

# En Ka Society



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The En Ka Society is a non-profit charitable organization comprised of over 200 women volunteers. Our mission is to aid various non-profit organizations and initiatives that serve the people of Winchester and residents in need who are referred to us by established social welfare programs. We provide both monetary assistance and have direct service programs in the community. Funding for these services is raised primarily through an annual town-wide fair held in May and a resale store, En Ka Exchange, located in Winchester.

## HOW WE BEGAN

In 1902, six Winchester High School women formed a sorority. The name En Ka comes from an abbreviation of a German phrase that they used as a motto—*Nachleben die klösterlichen Genossenschaft* - “to live up to the sisterhood.” The first letters of these words, N K, were expanded to En Ka.

*And we have been going and growing strong ever since!*

## HOW WE RAISE MONEY

### *The En Ka Fair*

The En Ka Street Fair has been a tradition in Winchester since 1934 when the first street fair was held behind Town Hall.



Scheduled for the third weekend in May, in recent years the Fair has taken place in the heart of our town— Town Hall/Jenks parking lot, Skillings Road and Mount Vernon Street. It has grown from a single ride and a few games into a much anticipated occasion. Generations of families in Winchester and surrounding communities have attended and continue to support this Winchester tradition, eagerly awaiting the food tents and vendors, rides, games, jewelry, book sale, and our sewn quilt raffle.

**Approximately 90% of our annual revenue comes from the Fair and is the primary source of our fundraising dollars.**

### *The En Ka Exchange*

The What Not Shop started in 1944 and its successor, the En Ka Exchange, opened in 1958. The Exchange is a resale shop specializing in clothing and accessories for the family and is open for sales from Wednesday through Saturday, September through June, at 1037 Main Street in Winchester.



Donations of clean, seasonal clothes in good condition are very much appreciated. Any unsold items are donated to charity.

## HOW WE SPEND MONEY

Since 2000, En Ka has given over \$1.5 million back to the community through

- Grant applications
- Social Service outlays
- Civic Duties contribution

En Ka Grants  
Annual Deadlines

Oct 1 | Jan 2 | Mar 1 | May 1

### *The Gifts Committee*

The En Ka Gifts Committee accepts grant applications four times a year from any organization that provides services or benefit to the town of Winchester and/or our residents. The list of grant recipients includes more than 100 local groups. To name a few – Jenks Senior Center, Winchester Recreation Department, Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, A Better Chance, Friends of the Library, Winchester Police and Fire Departments, Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Elementary, Middle and High School programs and equipment, Winchester Community Music School, Wright Locke Farm Conservancy, and Winchester Historical Society.

### *The Social Service Committee*

This committee responds to our community's less visible individual needs. The funding of the Society allows for this Committee to provide food certificates for families in need around the holidays, emergency assistance funds, scholarships for summer programs, and funding for the school system for students in need.

### *The Civic Committee*

This committee responds through direct service to some of our community's civic needs. Our recipients include Meals on Wheels, ROAR (Rush Out and Read), civic beautification through Adopt an Island, the Mount Vernon House, Visiting Nurse Association, and the ABC (A Better Chance) House.