



**The Exchange Club of Kiawah-Seabrook
Box PMB-J
130 Gardener's Circle
Johns Island, SC 29455**

**ECKS Member Meeting
3/2/2022**

Jack Wilson opened the meeting and introduced Jim Bannister.

Jim offered the invocation and honored tonight's South Carolina's Fallen Hero, US Army Private First Class Joey T. Sams II, age 22, of Spartanburg, SC; assigned to the 1st BN, 15th Infantry Reg, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Ft. Benning, GA.

PFC Sams was killed March 21, 2007, of injuries suffered when he was pinned between two military vehicles in Camp Buehring, Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

PFC Sams graduated from Spartanburg High School in 2004, and attended Spartanburg Technical College, studying computer technology. He joined the Army to help him achieve his goal of becoming a police detective. Not all heroes die from bullets and bombs.

Jim then led to assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack Wilson then welcomed guests; spoke briefly about Directory Ad sales and encouraged all to seek potential buyers of new listings.

Again, Jack reminded everyone that the Angel Oak Award Banquet is scheduled for May 18th.....donations and table sponsorships are encouraged.

Following dinner, John Roeck introduced the evening's speaker, Jennifer Richard, HALOS, Director of Philanthropy.

Ms. Richard spoke of the Child Advocacy Network. She described the differences between kinship care vs. foster care....and the benefits of kinship care. Her organization supports those providing kinship care since there is no government support available,

Ms. Richard's bio is attached.

Jennifer Richard, J.D., CFRE
HALOS, Director of Philanthropy



Jennifer Richard joined HALOS in March 2018. She has 15 years of fundraising experience and formerly served as COO of a national fundraising consulting firm. Ms. Richard is a past president of the Lowcountry Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and past member of the National Editorial Review Board of GivingUSA, the seminal publication on annual giving trends. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Ms. Richard holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, and a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania.

HALOS provides support and advocacy for abused and neglected children and kinship caregivers. These are grandparents, relatives or friends raising children to keep them out of foster care with strangers.