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Sue Weller and Jen Bennett are changing the state's state of mind.

Newlyweds Sue and Jen fell head over heels over philanthropy. Jen, owner and artist of Images on King Street, and Sue, a real estate agent with Carolina One, were drawn to each other's devotion to making a difference. Sue sits as a board member of the Charleston Pride Festival, promoting equal rights and change for LGBT communities through events. Jen serves South Carolina Equality and its Gay-Straight Alliance Network to create connections and legislation "that will protect our rights as lesbians living in South Carolina." The couple was married in a Charleston church in October but must travel to New York for documentation. "And when we return to our home state, that marriage license won't be recognized." In spite of the setback, Sue and Jen have relaxed into their relationship and careers and want to stop others' struggles with identity and sexuality. "It's not always easy growing up a minority, especially when there are not always laws and rights to protect us."