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DEATH OF NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Debra Hartmann, 46, Executive Director of the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, passed away Monday, April 17, 2006 in Lincoln, NE.

Hartmann graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a specialty in Comparative Politics.

Prior to joining the Commission, Debra served as Director of *Every Woman Matters*, a major statewide women's health program. Additionally, Debra had over 25 years experience as a community volunteer and volunteer board member for such organizations as the American Cancer Society, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, her church and local schools. It's impossible to quantify all her volunteer time because she did it so often and so selflessly, and didn't make a point to boast about it. She was also a longtime member of Seward's Tuesday's at Liberty Book Club.

Debra had served as Executive Director and leader of the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission since 2000. During her tenure, the Commission reached many milestones and became one of the top Commissions in the nation, as well as being considered the top volunteer organization in the state. Recently, Debra led the Commission's successful effort to secure state funding to augment its federal funding allocation for the first time in its 14-year history. Debra served as a Nebraska State Employee for the past 15 years.

Gale Jungemann-Schulz, colleague and friend says of Hartmann, "Debra always strived to be her best both personally and professionally. Not only did she consistently challenge herself, she challenged her staff, her friends, and her family. We are all better for it--more competent, more engaged, more caring, more spiritual, more in love with life. I will forever miss sharing her love of great food, great books, beautiful gardens (especially if they had their own fairies!), exotic places, and the life's personal adventures. I will also miss her courage, her perseverance in adversity, the belief that we can all achieve more, and above all, the laughter that permeated every aspect of her being." – Gale Jungemann-Schulz, Program Officer, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

Debra is survived by her husband, Andy Hartmann, Seward; children and spouse, Zac and Christina Hartmann and their children, Cayden and Alivia Hartmann; Jennifer Hartmann, Alex Hartmann, all of Seward; her parents, Jon and Stefanie Tomlinson, Bellevue; sister and brother-in-law, Marion and Raymond Williams, Grandby, Missouri; nephews and niece; parents-in-law, Bill and Doris Hartmann, Seward; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jon and Sharon Hartmann, Seward; niece and nephews; and a host of friends.

For information regarding funeral services and memorials, please visit www.woodzabka.com

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