

## **Debra Hartmann Award for Professional Commitment to Service**

*This award honors an individual whose efforts, through a paid professional position in the areas of volunteerism or national service, has significantly improved the quality of life of their fellow Nebraskans or Nebraska communities. Any staff member - regardless of title or sector - is an eligible nominee.*

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**Debra Hartmann**  
**Executive Director**  
**Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission**  
**2000-2006**

Debra Hartmann was appointed as Executive Director of the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission in 2000 and served as its leader until her passing on April 17, 2006. During her tenure, the Commission reached many milestones and became one of the top Commissions in the nation. She also spearheaded successful efforts to secure state funding for the Commission to enhance support for national and community in Nebraska.

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. She possessed a special passion for women's issues. It is impossible to quantify the scope and breadth of her volunteer involvement time because she gave of herself so often, so selflessly, and with such modesty. Debra was also a longtime member of Seward's Tuesday's at Liberty Book Club. Debra Hartmann was 46 at the time of her death.