CIVIC NEBRASKA’S CORE VALUES

COMMUNITY
Is built on trust and engagement. It is at the heart of everything we do, and we’re better when we work together. A community thrives when people trust each other and show up for one another.

Our school-based Community Learning Centers are true neighborhood hubs, providing space, resources, and tools for students to succeed and neighbors of all ages to thrive.

Owning issues together builds stronger communities. From Scottsbluff to Falls City, from South Sioux to McCook, our civic health programs show Nebraskans how collaboration fortifies the civic fabric of our state.

INNOVATION
Leads to continuous improvement and greater impact. We embrace new ideas and put them into action. We learn together today so we can implement change tomorrow.

Civic Nebraska meets people where they are—in a pandemic world, that means connecting virtually as well as in-person in our drive for a more modern and robust democracy.

POWER
Is inherent in every person. We connect people to power and believe that power should be shared. Anyone can lead change in their community.

Collective Impact Lincoln, now in its sixth year, continues to support resident-led change in the capital city’s core neighborhoods.

Civic Nebraska is the state’s pre-eminent force for voting rights, organizing Nebraskans as the Legislature’s “Second House” to lobby for more efficient elections and as few impediments and hindrances to the ballot as possible.

LEARNING
Creates pathways to participation and progress. We are driven to advance learning as an act of civic engagement. Learning in all its forms strengthens us and our communities.

Our before- and after-school programs and clubs allow young people to imagine, connect, collaborate and seek the change they wish to see in their communities.

OPTIMISM
Is a driving force for change. We believe that our work matters and expect to make an impact. We’re optimistic about our democracy, and we’re hopeful for Nebraska’s future.

Our book, Reclaiming WE: Twenty Everyday Acts to Strengthen the Common Good and Defend Democracy, is a hopeful devotional for our democratic way of life.

Our Civic Saturday gatherings celebrate our nation’s powerful “civic religion” – and hold space for new civic rituals that are joyful and communal.

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