

The Nebraska Recovery Network Paige Namuth

If Nebraska were a country instead of a state, she would be one of the greatest countries in the world. She is self-sustaining and doesn't wage war. Her people are genuine and good.

Think about it. Warren Buffett and Jeff Raikes are two of our citizens. We own or control the wealth of the rest of the world.

I am not suggesting we withdraw from the rest of the nation. I am suggesting that we lead the nation in recovery from addictions.

What is addiction? Addiction is an organic brain disease that craves the shortest path to pleasure instead of doing our work and living out of purpose, passion and joy.

What is recovery? Recovery means loving our life and the people in it. Recovery means unselfishness. It is nurturing the people around us into their full potentials and not just thinking of what we can "get out" of them. Recovery is about honesty and pure motives. Recovery is about restorative justice and making amends to people we harmed through our addictions.

This walk isn't about us and the government or us and the press. It is between our higher power and us and about accepting personal responsibility for living our lives. This walk is about hope. By our example, we will give hope to those still suffering

I honor all of you for being here and keeping the faith and helping your brothers and sisters. People need community to recover.

I hope that the Nebraska Recovery Network will ignite a passion for the joy that comes from helping each other.

There really is no place like Nebraska.