Our core values are family, friendship, connection, and culture. People identify themselves as not only as Ethiopian but also through their languages, their cultures, their family, and through their connections.

The saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child." That's true in our culture. The whole community, the whole neighborhood - they are all a part of us and help raise us into good people. It's not an individual-focused community. We recognize that the sense of belonging can impact your health and the health of your community. When you feel like you belong, you start taking care of yourself and others.

When we Live United we have power. We want to exercise that power to do things together. We live United because we are important to each other. We have to help each other, otherwise we cannot succeed."

Yitbarek Mirete - Co-Leader of Ethiopian Community of Rochester, MN

The Ethiopian Community of Rochester identifies culturally-specific barriers and works to address issues faced by the Ethiopian community.

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**LIVING UNITED**

*Embracing a variety of perspectives, ethnicities, cultures, and experiences to help each other succeed.*

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