



Nebraska Extension in Madison County's Growing Together Nebraska Garden has inspired two community organizations to install their own community gardens in 2023.

Garrison and Lilly love helping pick carrots in the Growing Together Nebraska (GTN) Garden in Madison County. For five years the garden has grown fresh produce for those who lack access. Produce is donated to the Norfolk Rescue Mission and Norfolk Community Food Pantry. Our community partners assist with distribution and consumption. Over 12,000 lbs. of produce worth >\$24,000 have been donated during the five years. Four GTN grants totaling \$10,702 have supported the establishment and operation of the garden.

Programs At-A-Glance

- 12 early childhood professionals completed CHIME (Cultivating Healthy, Intentional, Mindful Educators), an eight-week mindfulness program designed to reduce stress and burnout.
- 44% of age eligible youth reached by clubs, special interest, school enrichment, summer programs, contest, and events all to promote youth development, citizenship, and leadership.

>3,400

youth reached in our school enrichment programs.

**STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

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Local libraries brought the 4-H Summer Reading Program to >100 Madison County youth.

**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS &
THEIR COMMUNITIES**

163

NDE approved in-service hours were awarded to Madison County CHIME participants.

**ENHANCE THE HEALTH
& WELLBEING OF ALL
NEBRASKANS**

