



Master Gardeners work alongside children, teen assistants, and Hope Center for Kid's staff. They learn how to grow, harvest and prepare produce that they can take home to their families.

Growing Together Nebraska (GTN) donation gardens in Omaha provide food insecure families with increased access to healthy foods. Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs) volunteered 2525.25 hours, valued at \$29.50/hour and equivalent to \$74,494.875 in-kind contributions, at four Growing Together Nebraska gardens and grew more than 13,779 pounds of donated produce. Research shows that children are more likely to try new foods and eat more produce when they are active participants in the garden. "Can't wait to take these sweet potatoes home to my mom! She'll cook them for dinner!"

### Programs At-A-Glance

- Food safety education prevents deaths and illness, 809 food service employees completed Food Handlers certificate training and 219 food service managers became ServSafe Certified.
- 11,500 youth explored embryology with incubators and learned about biology and life science through "Look Who's Hatching," Early Childhood and 4-H School Enrichment.

# 1,200

residents received pest ID and consultation

**STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS**

# 19,143

youth participated in Douglas-Sarpy 4-H

**INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES**

# 3,528

early childhood professionals completed continuing education trainings

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

