

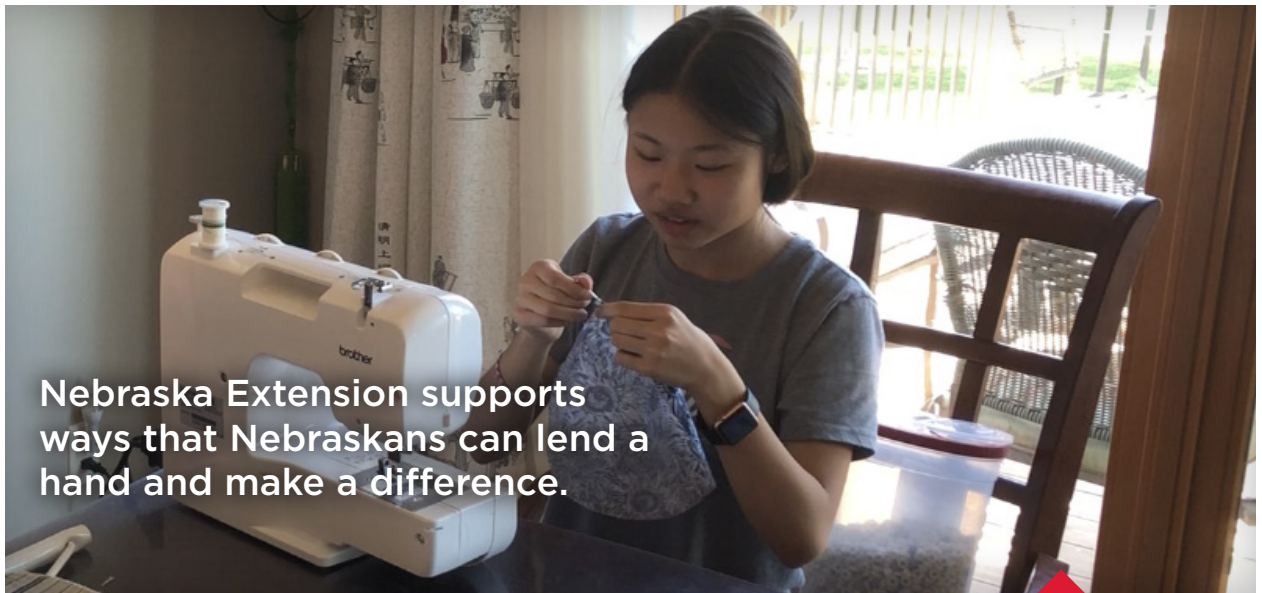
Disaster Education

2020 Impact At-A-Glance



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Nebraska Extension supports ways that Nebraskans can lend a hand and make a difference.

When the pandemic hit, 4-H youth and adult volunteers all across the state, with the help of Nebraska Extension faculty and staff, sprang into action to offer helping hands and sewed with purpose. In Lancaster County, for example, the 4-H program coordinated three community-service sewing projects. During the initial phase called “Hats for Hospitals,” 4-H youth and adults spent over 543 volunteer sewing hours to create 778 cotton surgeon hats. During the “Sewing for Hospitals” phase, volunteers gave over 352 hours constructing 1,011 cotton face coverings. Since then, the sewing has continued.

“During the really tough times, Nebraskans step up to help their neighbors and make a difference. We’re proud to support ways that Nebraskans can share their time and talents to help those in need.”

- Ashley Mueller,
Extension Educator

\$5,440

The capacity value created through the disaster Volunteer Reception Center training in Fremont

A new guide *Flooded with Volunteers* that helps organizers manage youth and adult disaster volunteers

32,000

wallet-sized information cards distributed to Nebraskans promoting mental health and rural response hotline.

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With a local presence from border to border, Nebraska Extension is uniquely positioned to assist Nebraskans when disaster strikes. From floods to pandemics—from bomb cyclones to drought—the network of Nebraska Extension professionals stands ready to rapidly respond with resources and on-the-ground teams focused on helping Nebraskans recover and cope with the impacts of climate variation. Nebraska Extension helps our neighbors address the stress of relocation, the impact on families, businesses, and communities, and the answers to the “What’s Next?” question when the once-unthinkable suddenly becomes very, very real.

11 participants in Chadron engaged in a disaster community resilience workshop to identify community risks and opportunities for partnership.

Disaster Education 2020 Highlights

- We partnered with University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Rural Health Initiatives to develop and deliver “Ag Is Essential” messages to support safety among farmers and food supply chain workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Learning Child team added *What is Coronavirus?* to the Read for Resilience bookshelf.
- We launched Disaster Community Aid Resources Exchange (CARE), an online directory, to assist in the exchange of agricultural resources when and where needed.



Growing Resilient Communities

The Growing Resilient Communities workshop was designed to help communities in northeast Nebraska think about resiliency from a more holistic perspective where hazard mitigation, health and pandemic, economic and community development and strategic planning intersect and overlap.



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