

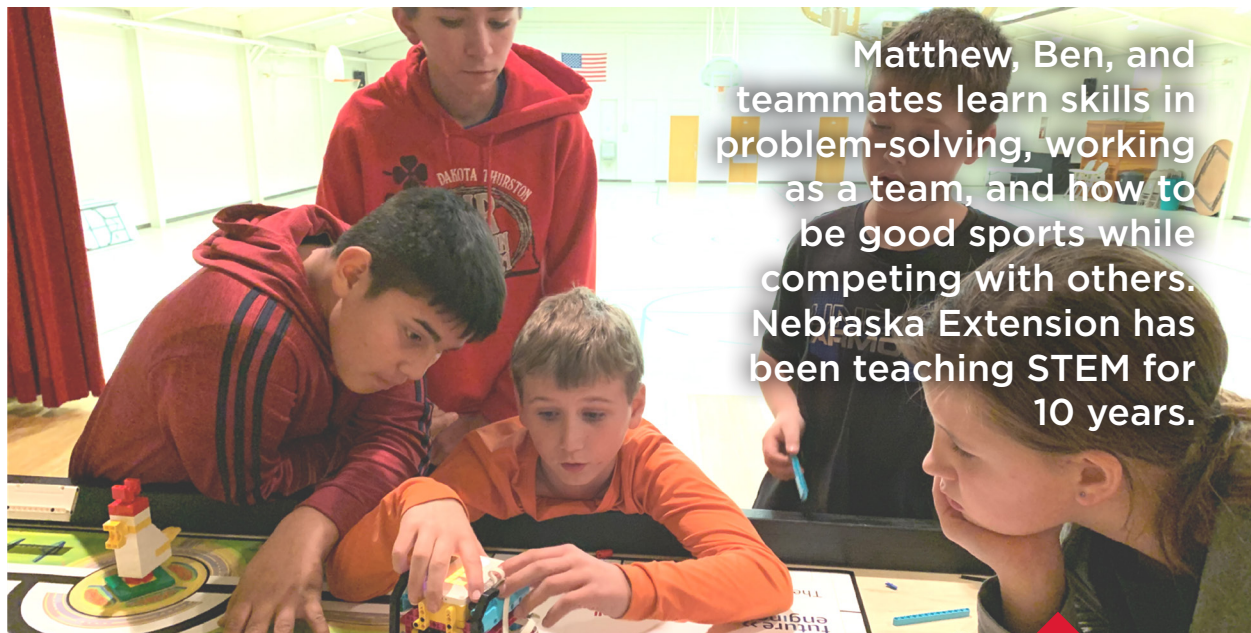
# Dakota County

## 2021 Impact At-A-Glance



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Matthew, Ben, and teammates learn skills in problem-solving, working as a team, and how to be good sports while competing with others. Nebraska Extension has been teaching STEM for 10 years.

“Robotics has allowed Matthew & Ben to channel their creativity, learn to express their ideas positively and constructively, and also assist them in their communication skills,” said Lisa Bousquet. “I have watched Matthew grow immensely as a person. He is coming out of his shell, learning to interact with his classmates, as well as learning to become a team player. As a member of the robotics team for several years, he has become more of a leader and mentor to his younger teammates.” Some students that were in the beginning years of the program are pursuing STEM careers.

### Programs At-A-Glance

- Extension coordinates a community-based project engaging local stakeholders and volunteers to increase food access in Dakota County.
- The Voices for Food project provided fresh produce to 4,413 participants through food pantries, low-income apartments, a community health center, and a senior center.

**140+** area food service managers completed comprehensive food safety training.

**≈500** local and regional youth were provided STEM education with Think, Make, Create Lab programming.

**19,493** Pounds of produce given to limited resource families.