

Dodge County

2021 Impact At-A-Glance



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The Growing Together Nebraska (GTN) garden project makes a significant impact on food security and provides an engagement opportunity through partnerships with community members and organizations.

Dodge County Extension has been participating in the GTN garden project since 2019, donated over 2,600 pounds of produce, partnered with multiple community agencies, and engaged 29 volunteers, crucial to the program's success. Master Gardener Lisa O'Connell influences volunteer recruitment by leveraging her connections to engage GTN recipients as volunteers, limiting the stigma of food insecurity. "The garden has made a huge impact on the community. We are part of helping with the food insecurity our community is experiencing as healthy food costs rise." -Lisa O'Connell

Programs At-A-Glance

- Fit and Healthy Kids online series targets STEM and Social-Emotional development: over 3,897 participants, awarded 4,233 credit hours, and indirectly impacted over 96,423 children.
- Monthly Meal Kits, a food resource and nutrition education program targeting secondary school students, served 58 youth, 35 adults and infused \$7,600 into the local economy.

1,590

Dodge County youth were reached through SNAP-Ed, 4-H, and Community Environment programming.

893

Adults reached through in-person and virtual lessons, including the Gro Big Red Gardening Series

593

Inquiry response via direct feedback, plant sample submission, and the Digital Diagnostic Network