A couple of years ago, Paddock Lane Elementary (PLE) built a teaching garden. Nebraska Extension recognized opportunities for improvement, and through a DHHS grant, the garden thrived with added resources. It became a source of fresh produce for the Beatrice Community Food Pantry during a time of increased need due to COVID-19. This partnership is a shining example of what can be done when caring members of a community come together. “I learned just as much as the kids. I am so excited to do it again next spring!”
- Stacy, PLE Afterschool Coordinator

**Programs At-A-Glance**
- In partnership with the Beatrice Community Hospital, 19 youth gained skills to begin their own babysitting businesses, respond in an emergency, and administer CPR and first aid.
- As a result of the program, 100% felt confident taking care of a child alone (a 21% increase from before the program) and knowing what to do in an emergency (a 53% increase).

**Public Value of Volunteer Service**
- $24,071

**Hands-on and Virtual Learning**
- 27 active 4-H clubs

**Food Education**
- 168 local youth & adults received in-person nutrition & food safety education, from January to March