

Dodge County

2024 Impact At-A-Glance

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The Little Free Pantry initiative not only highlights the role of youth in fostering civic engagement, but also provides a replicable model for grassroots action against food insecurity.



In May 2024, the T.E.A.M. 4-H Club of Scribner, in partnership with United Lutheran Church, launched the Little Free Pantry to combat local food insecurity. Conveniently located on church property near the community park, the pantry is maintained weekly by the club's 28 members from three Dodge County communities. Supported by local media coverage and active social media discussions, the pantry quickly gained community support, with donations and usage beginning immediately.

Programs At-A-Glance

Early Childhood Development:

- 5,535 childcare provider professional development hours were awarded.
- 48,812 indirect children were touched by the knowledge gained.

"Children's behaviors can be strong and overwhelming; we need to work with them to help them understand what they are feeling."-Nebraska Childcare Provider

58

farmers recertified as private applicators for restricted-use pesticides through the Pesticide Safety Education Program.

816

Dodge County youth received nutrition education through the Nutrition Education Program (NEP) and 4-H.

\$10,812

in labor equivalence was contributed by the 348 hours donated by Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.



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