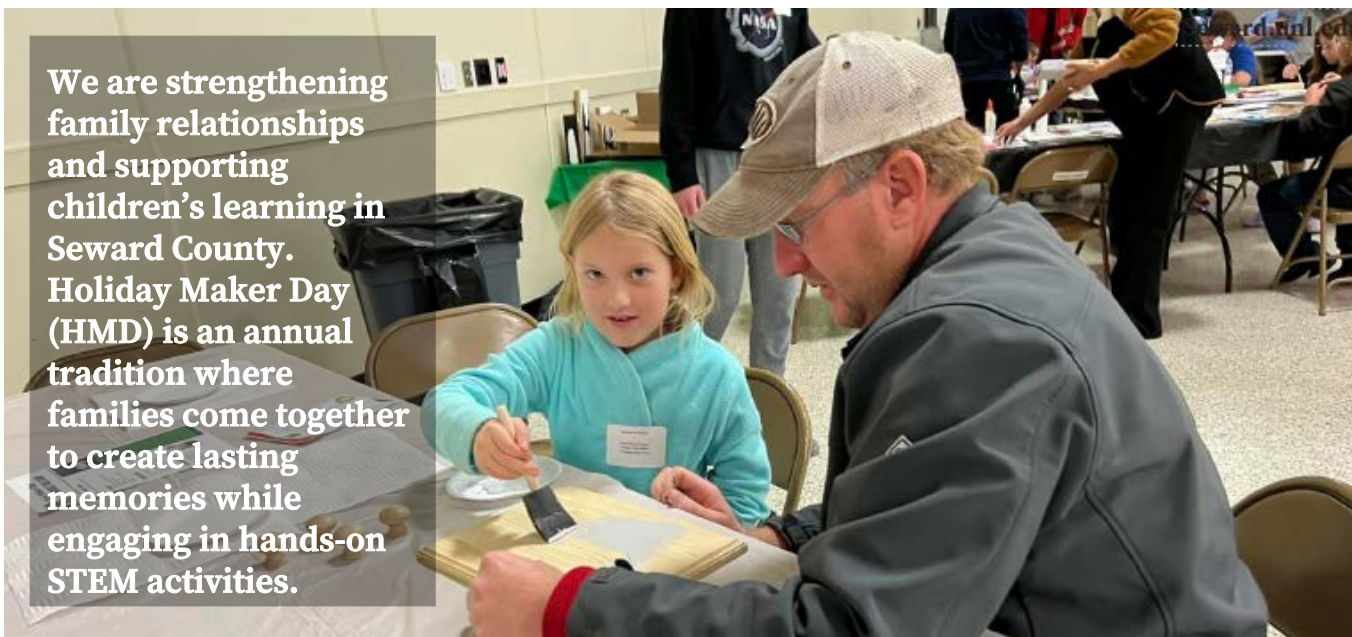


# Seward County 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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We are strengthening family relationships and supporting children's learning in Seward County. Holiday Maker Day (HMD) is an annual tradition where families come together to create lasting memories while engaging in hands-on STEM activities.

The holidays can be a stressful time for families, which is why we created Holiday Maker Day (HMD)—an event where families come together to enjoy meaningful projects and hands-on STEM activities. Over the past nine years, HMD has built a loyal following, with families returning year after year.

“This is our third year coming. We love it! Fun family memories are always made,” shared a 2023 participant. In fact, 68 families have attended two or more years, and 30 families have participated for four or more years. With 593 registrations and 263 unique youth reached, HMD fosters positive relationships among participants, with 100% of surveyed families agreeing.

One participant reflected, “We had three kids, ages 4–8, who did seven activities. It was amazing. Volunteers were so helpful and friendly!”

## Programs At-A-Glance

*Connecting the Dots provides students with opportunities to engage with industry professionals, explore various career fields, and develop career-ready skills. One hundred eighty-five youth from Seward County completed the program this year. Additionally, volunteers dedicated 88 hours to the program, contributing a value of \$2,728 in volunteer time.*

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volunteer hours completed by five Master Gardeners in Seward County.

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youth participated in 4-H clubs, school enrichment and special interest programs.

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continuing education hours were awarded to early childhood professionals.



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