

Growing Together

2020 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Fruits and vegetables are critical for a healthy diet. According to a Feeding America survey (2014), the #1 type of food desired by Iowa food pantry participants that is not widely available at pantries is fresh fruits and vegetables. Growing Together is working to change that.

(Citation: Feeding America, Hunger in America, 2014)

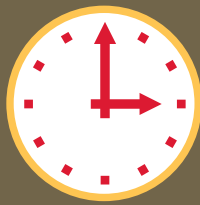
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Growing Together promotes healthy food access for families with low income through a partnership between ISU's SNAP-Ed program, Master Gardener volunteers, ISU Research Farms and Iowa food pantries. In 2020, Master Gardeners worked with food pantries in their communities to provide them with fresh produce throughout the growing season despite the COVID-19 pandemic.



29 Master Gardener volunteer teams worked with food pantries in their communities to provide fresh produce.



103 food pantries and meal sites received donations through Growing Together.



239 Master Gardener volunteers committed time to support healthy food access in their communities.



Master Gardener teams leveraged **more than \$22,000** in local community funding.



69,386 people with low income were served through Growing Together.



430 Non-Master Gardener volunteers committed time to support healthy food access in their communities.



Growing Together donated **more than 81,328 pounds** of produce to food pantries across Iowa.