SNAP-Ed Works

in Nebraska

The Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators (ASNNA) collected stories from the Nebraska community members of how SNAP-Ed has impacted them

SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator

"Senior (Jean) came up to me after the Snap-Ed presentation and said, 'I just wanted you to know that I went to the doctor last week and my numbers are the best they've ever been, and I credit you' I said 'why do you say that?' She said, 'all the stuff you have taught over the last year I have tried to incorporate and eat healthier, and I drink more water because of you...I now carry a bottle of water with me everywhere I go, and I started doing that because of you...I just had my medical review and my numbers were perfect, my BP was 110/70 and pulse was 60. I appreciate all the tips for good health by eating healthy greens and many other vegetables to give my body energy."

Agriculture Worker

"I am a community Gardner. We raise fresh produce that is donated for the Snap-Ed program. Last year we donated 14,000 lbs of produce for the program. One lady told us that she was so thankful for the program, because last year she was searching through dumpsters to get food. Educating the public about healthy eating is part of the program's purpose. Fresh produce is not only given, but also recipes and How to use the produce Is presented at each weekly giveaway. Without this program, not only would there be no education about food, there would be no fresh produce for many many families"

SNAP-Ed Staff

"In 2024, SNAP-Ed in Dakota County utilized \$1,540.48 of SNAP-Ed funding to support their Growing Together Nebraska project. This community-based program strengthens the local food system, reduces food insecurity, and empowers individuals and families with low incomes through access to local, healthy, and nutritious produce. [This investment] along with the engagement of 129 volunteers, serving 1,757 hours of community service work, helped produce \$36,816 worth of locally grown and donated produce."

Community Health Center Director

"We tell our clients they need to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables, but they say they can't afford it, this project has allowed us to make fresh produce available. We hope the fresh free produce makes an impact on their overall health and lifestyle. If they have more opportunities to experience fresh produce, they will find ways to budget and afford it better."

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Pictures from the "Growing Together Nebraska" community-based program

