

Johnson County Extension Education Foundation

Mission: Create awareness and provide financial support for Johnson County, K-State Research and Extension programs to improve the lives of Johnson County residents.



Our Extension Volunteers

EMG

515 Volunteers | 53,204 Hours

Extension Master Gardener (EMG) is an educational volunteer program sponsored by K-State Research and Extension. EMGs come from all walks of life but their common bond is a love of gardening and sharing information throughout the community. EMGs receive a basic training in the disciplines of horticulture. They then volunteer in projects to help Extension promote its educational mission.



4-H

300 Volunteers | 14,400 Hours

4-H is a Network of Families That Grows Great Kids. 4-H clubs have a mix of teens and younger youth, as well as a variety of interest and activities. Most meet once a month with all members. At the meeting they make group decisions about community service, hear presentations from guest speakers and other 4-H members, and learn about leadership, citizenship and public speaking. This is all done in an environment of a youth/adult partnership.



EMFV

88 Volunteers | 7,504 Hours

An Extension Master Food Volunteer (EMFV) is a volunteer trained by university-based nutritionists, registered dietitians, food scientists and culinary experts and becomes certified in research-based food safety and healthy living concepts. They, in turn, give voluntary service to share current nutrition information with classes and offer hands on education in the community.



EMN

161 Volunteers | 8,025 Hours

In support of Kansas State Research and Extension, Johnson County Extension Master Naturalists (EMN) are an organization of university-trained volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within the community.



FCE

52 Volunteers | 588 Hours

The Kansas Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) works with K-State Research and Extension to enrich Kansas families through educational programs, leadership development and community service. Family Consumer Sciences Agents are local advisors to FCE Councils and Units.



VITA

31 Volunteers | 1,990 Hours

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a free income tax return service for qualified individuals. Annually, volunteers are vetted by completing IRS training and certification courses. K-State Research and Extension coordinate services with the Olathe VITA site, providing in-person and drop-off income tax preparation and filing services.



Total Volunteers

1,147

85,711

Total Volunteer Hours

Value to Johnson County Citizens

\$2,303,054.57

2023 JCEEF Grant Highlights

All grants are made possible by JCEEF memberships, our generous donors, and funds raised at our annual Signature Fundraising Event.

EMG - Deanna Rose Farmstead

Signage, hardscape and tools to help gardeners maintain the 12 demonstration gardens.

\$ 1,000

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VITA - Supplies and Volunteer Support

Necessary paper supplies need to provide free income tax preparations for low income residents.

EMFV - SNAP Scholarships

Provide scholarships for 20 SNAP ED participants to attend an EMFV adult cooking class for free.

\$ 500

\$ 1,000

EMG - Demonstration Gardens at Shawnee Town

Improvements to water system for the herb and country gardens used to educate the public.

EMG - Shawnee Indian Mission Gardens

Pollinator-friendly plants to educate on their aesthetically pleasing qualities.

\$ 400

\$ 960

EMG - Backyard Garden

Smart signs that will link to educational materials on the Extension website for use by visitors during tours.

4-H Youth Development - 4-H Livestock Judging

Provide education around the livestock industry for 4-H youth that might not otherwise have the opportunity.

\$ 800

\$ 2,090

EMN - Sunset Nature Trail Signs

Signs to increase awareness of native flora and their benefits and the Extension Master Naturalist Program.

EMG - Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center

Native pollinator plants to support the environmental curriculum of the Blue Valley School District.

\$ 300

\$ 1,125

EMG - Operation Wildlife Program for Junior EMGs

Provide classes to JEMGs to develop an appreciation and knowledge of wildlife living in our area.

EMN - Mill Creek

Monitor, maintain, and restore natural conditions in Mill Creek while providing education and outreach.

\$ 300

\$ 575

EMG - Backyard Garden Cutting Garden

Cut flower bouquets are taken to food pantries. Educational tours & classes are offered at the garden.

Additional Funds

\$10,700 in additional grants for 2023

\$1,866 in 2022 for Extension Volunteer Screening.

JCEEF has been funding all Johnson County Extension volunteer screenings for volunteers working with youth since 2019.