



On the first day of after-school programming, we met Zoe, a lively early elementary student brimming with energy! She happily talked about her favorite foods, hesitating only briefly on broccoli—until she remembered how much she loves it when her mom cooks it. That day, the No More Empty Pots facilitators taught a lesson on plant parts, and Zoe's enthusiasm never wavered. She eagerly tried new foods, played games, and stayed longer even after the lesson had ended. Zoe kept chatting about the lesson, proudly showing her curiosity and excitement for local plants and gardening. Before heading home, she even burst into a spirited cheer for her school's mascot and cheered, "Let's go, Cougars, let's go!"

Zoe's story reflects the confidence and community spirit that our programming fosters in youth. It's a reminder that when students are engaged in meaningful, interactive education, they build enthusiasm for learning! This school year, the No More Empty Pots Community Education team will deliver weekly lessons at [Harmon Middle School](#), [Central Park Elementary](#), and [David Hill Elementary](#). We're excited to watch the year ahead unfold and see the impact made on all the young learners like Zoe.

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**Attention Small Food and Farm Businesses: Funding is Available!**

The [Business Builder Grants](#) application is now open! The [Heartland Regional Food Business Center](#), which No More Empty Pots is a key partner of, will provide subawards of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to food and farm businesses working toward expansion in local and regional food markets.

**Interested in Applying?** The deadline for applications is **October 15th, 2024**, in this first round of grants. The following resources are available:

- [Grant Application Checklist](#)
- [Business Builder Grant Info](#)
- [Request for Applications](#) (RFA English)
- [Solicitud de Solicitudes](#) (RFA Spanish)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ)

[Start Your Application Here](#)



**New Storewide Sale: 20% Meat Products Through October 19th!**

Did you know our [Micro Market](#) offers a variety of local meat products? From pork and beef to bison and chicken, we've got something for everyone! Now through **October 19th**, enjoy **20% off all meat products** when you shop at our storefront! Visit the Micro Market, located at 2120 N. 30th Street, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to start shopping!

We're proud to partner with trusted Nebraskan producers like:

- [Anchor Meadow Farms](#) (Wilford, NE)
- [Bartling Family Pork](#) (Madelia, NE)
- [Clemens Land + Farm](#) (Saint Edward, NE)
- [Clayton Creek Farms](#) (Burchard, NE)
- [Cottingham Beef](#) (Mamell, NE)
- [Central Nebraska Buffalo](#) (Hordville, NE)

[Micro Market Info](#)



**Will You Join Our No More Empty Pots Team?**

Attention Changemakers — Are you ready to make a difference? Visit our [job postings page](#) on [ADP](#) to learn more about each of our current openings. Please contact [jobs@no-moreemptypots.org](mailto:jobs@no-moreemptypots.org) with any questions or for support.

- [Community Education Assistant \(Full and Part Time\)](#)
- [Micro Market Lead](#)
- [Food and Beverage Assistant](#)

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**Farm to School Gathering Highlights No More Empty Pots' Impact**

Each year, the [USDA Farm to School](#) hosts a gathering to kick off its new cohort of grantees. This year's event brought around 50 Farm to School associates from across the country to Omaha in September! USDA's gathering included a special session hosted at the [No More Empty Pots Greenhouse](#), where attendees experienced firsthand how Farm to School initiatives are thriving right here in Nebraska.

No More Empty Pots is a founding partner of the [Nebraska Farm to School Network](#), which works to provide resources to promote local Nebraska grown and raised products in the classroom, cafeteria, and community.

[Register for Farm to School Summit](#)

[October is Farm to School Month!](#)



**Minne Lusa Halloween on the Boo-Levard | Thursday, October 31st**

Neighbors of the [Minne Lusa Neighborhood Association](#) of North Omaha have been transforming the Minne Lusa Boulevard on Halloween for years, and No More Empty Pots participation is traditional! You're invited at 5:30 p.m. for some fun and resource sharing.



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