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Brett McGinnis works on a display of purses at the Open Door Mission in north Omaha. Open Door Mission houses, feeds and ministers to homeless people in Omaha. Donated items, such as purses, are given to those who need them.



From left, Geena Graber, Tim Kightlinger (leader), Cara Setsodi and Devin Elbert pack a bag of groceries for a woman at Empty Tomb, a church in south Omaha that gives people a bag of groceries if they come to church.

URBANDALE YOUTHS HELP EFFORTS IN OMAHA

A group of junior high youths from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale participated in the Omaha Urban Plunge March 28 through Sunday. They spent the weekend in Omaha's inner city, visiting nine different faith-based organizations that work among the poor.

Gloria Dei's youth participants were Geena Graber, Emilie Larson, Emma Griffiths, Jamison Dierenfield, Brett McGinnis, Bryan Johnson, Devin Elbert, Jordan Clark, Caroline Pace, Emma Wenndt, Kara Ganzer and Cara Setsodi. Adults who also went on the trip were Carol Wenndt, Kathie McGinnis, Melissa Johnson, and group leader Tim Kightlinger.



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A group of junior high youths from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale participated in the Omaha Urban Plunge March 28 through Sunday. From left, Emma Wenndt, Caroline Pace and Geena Graber serving food to more than 150 homeless people.