

# The Pella Chronicle

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## *Youth spend time in Omaha*



### **Photos submitted**

Seven youth and one leader from Second Reformed Church in Pella spent Dec. 28-30 in Omaha's inner-city visiting nine different faith-based organizations that are working among the poor. They worked alongside a group of young people from Hope Presbyterian in Spicer, MN. They hung out with homeless guys on the streets late at night, fed the hungry, went to jail, and handed-out clothes. Along the way they discovered what their passions and gifts are and how to use their passion/gifts to help back home. The team's leader was Andrea Taylor. The Omaha Urban Plunge invites a different church teams each weekend to Omaha's inner-city. Participants get hands on experience with nine different faith-based social service agencies that are working in both North and South Omaha. The objective is not to provide a "tour of poverty," but to help participants grasp how they can use their talents and passions to assist a social-service agency, or even start something similar in their own neighborhood. Participants from Second Reformed Church included Andrea Taylor (Leader, Zach Beson, Nicki Bogaard, Emily DeJong, Katie Henry, Olivia Schouten Shaun Van Weelden and Sammy Wagner.