## The KIB NEWSLETTER



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BestBuy Volunteers prepped and painted at the Jackie Townsell Heritage Center just in time for the City's Juneteenth celebration

# IT'S TIME FOR KIB TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS!

Our big event of the summer will be the annual

#### "Mayor and KIB Proud Partner Awards"

where we honor those who have gone above and beyond in their service to our community. The awards reception will be held Monday, August 1, at 6:30 at the First Baptist Church of Irving. We know that our success depends on our volunteers, and we love to let them know how much we appreciate them.

### **KIB ACTIVITIES IN JUNE:**

- June 4-5: KIB partnered for the third consecutive year with PlayTri to make their triathlon a Green Event. The Kids Triathlon was held on Saturday at Lively Pointe, while the adult race was based at the Marriott Las Colinas. Special thanks to the MacArthur High School "Maction" group and sponsor Kerilyn Ngom for their volunteer service hours both days.
- June 9: KIB partnered with Best Buy Store 205 to paint the fence around the parking lot at the Jackie Townsell Heritage Center. Eight employees gave 26 hours as part of their Tag Team Program, which matches Best Buy employees with local non-profit groups for community service projects.
- June 20-23: KIB was represented by Rick Hose and Julie Schmitt at the 44th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Austin. The theme of the conference was "Exploring Sustainability," and KIB was honored with the "Sustained Excellence" Award as well as the Gold Star Affiliate award. Frito-Lay's Irving Facility won a first place award in the Business and Industry Category.
- June 28: KIB partnered with the Salvation Army for a cleanup of Rose Meadows Park. Thirty summer campers and five adult sponsors gave 70 volunteer hours and collected 18 pounds of trash, including their walk to and from the park and the park grounds.



#### **KIB BOARD MEMBER THOUGHTS:**

This month's contribution is from Youth Committee Chairman, Julie Schmitt. This year KIB set a goal to increase its presence in our schools. Board members and volunteers attended numerous career days, special events like Earth Days, school sponsored cleanups, and performed an environmental skit featuring Kirby and Buddy the Blue Bag. We believe that our strength lies in our youth, and by reaching out to them we can have a greater impact on the future.

It is with sadness that we report on the passing of Robert "Bob" Moon, husband of KIB Board President Rachel Torrez Moon. Services were held on June 3 at Calvary Church, with interment at Dallas National Cemetery. Our condolences to Rachel and her family.

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