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KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL HONORED WITH SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AND GOLD STAR AWARDS AT KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE

JUNE 25-28, 2012 ★ SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
THE 45TH ANNUAL KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS
ENVISIONING A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE



The 45th annual Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference, held from June 25 to 28 in San Antonio, was an opportunity for affiliates from across the state to come together to share ideas, attend educational sessions and be honored for their accomplishments over the past year. KIB was once again recognized with the Sustained Excellence Award and Gold Star Affiliate Status. Coordinator Rick Hose and Staff Member Julie Schmitt represented KIB at the conference and accepted the awards on behalf of the board, our volunteers and partners who make this possible.

KIB PARTNERS WITH PLAYTRI FOR 4TH YEAR TO MAKE TRIATHLON A GREEN EVENT



Two of the younger PlayTri Festival triathletes recycle with KIB.

Hundreds of athletes visited Irving during the week-end of June 2-3 for the PlayTri Triathlon, held at the Marriott Las Colinas. KIB continued its four-year partnership with the PlayTri group by providing recycling and waste stations at the finish line area where the triathletes gathered after the races. Volunteers were there to keep recyclables separate from the trash, and replace bags as needed. Participants came from all over the country, and were left with a very positive impression of our city.

YOUTH MISSION GROUP MAKES AN "MPACT" ON IRVING

Approximately 250 youth and their adult sponsors came to Irving from all over Texas for a week of service June 9-15. Thirteen members of the "MPACT" (Making People Aware of Christ's Truth) Missions partnered with KIB and the Parks Department for a project at Hurwitz Park. They gave 175.5 hours over two days to paint all three pavilions and grills at the park. Thanks to all the MPACT teens and adults for making a difference.



The KIB MPACT team spent June 11-12 making Hurwitz Park more beautiful.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7/18: Monthly KIB Board meeting
- 7/20: Irving North Christian Church Youth Missions Group paint project at Senter Park
- 8/6: Annual Mayor and KIB Proud Partners Awards reception at First Baptist Church of Irving.

THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD:

This month's contributor is North Lake College professor and KIB Higher Education Chair, Dr. Yolanda Romero:

"It is exciting to see the progress Irving is making in the areas of sustainability and community greening. We are proud that North Lake's community garden is thriving, and now plans for a city-wide network of community gardens are underway. We hope this partnership with Irving North Christian Church and the City of Irving, as well as schools, businesses and civic groups for the first garden leads to many more. KIB has applied for a Keep America Beautiful grant to help with funding, and has also committed to having a plot at the garden. It will be rewarding to see how this brings our residents together, especially those who would not normally have access to a yard for gardening and growing their own food."

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