

KIB Newsletter



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A Verizon employee volunteer helps paint fences at the Fritz Park Petting Farm on May 3.



School visits are always more fun if Kirby comes along. Here he is at T. Haley Career Day on May 9.



The Allstate Helping Hands team enjoyed their day of service at Senter Park on May 14.

KIB and Our Partners

Partnerships. At Keep Irving Beautiful, it's all about the partnerships we form with members of the community, whether they live, work or go to school here, who share the common trait of caring about making Irving a more beautiful place.

May saw KIB partnering with several corporate groups, the first being Verizon on May 3. Employee volunteers and family members - 31 in all, who gave 108 hours of service - continued KIB's ongoing project at Fritz Park by painting fences at the petting farm, which will open this month. This was our second project with the Verizon team, who painted at Northwest Park last spring. The Allstate "Helping Hands" team joined with KIB for the first time at Senter Park Recreation Center on May 14 for a paint project in the upstairs meeting room. The 10 employee volunteers worked a total of 40 hours making the room look fresh and new.

Schools and education have always been and will continue to be a big part of KIB's mission, and we partner with all ages from pre-school to college. Springtime means career days in the Irving ISD, and KIB has been represented at several elementary schools throughout the district, teaching children about our programs and sharing the message of volunteerism.



Verizon employees and their families after their Petting Farm paint project

We were surprised and honored to find out that KIB won the very first Community Friend Award given by North Lake at their annual recognition ceremony on May 8. KIB Board member Dr. Yolanda Romero nominated KIB for the award, for which there were 24 nominees. KIB accepted a beautiful crystal vase from President Christa Slejko at the ceremony, as a token of appreciation for the many years of partnership with North Lake and its staff, students and organizations. Two members of the KIB family, Dr. Romero and her husband Sammy, were also honored with awards for their dedication to North Lake.

What's Ahead for KIB and Irving:

We begin June with the annual PlayTri Festival in Las Colinas. KIB and Phi Theta Kappa volunteers will make this race a green event by supplying and monitoring recycling stations at the finish area. This year we are minimizing waste by adding compostable collections. PlayTri has been very generous to KIB over the years, and we love to help out at this event which brings hundreds of athletes to Irving.

The KIB Volunteer Recognition Committee is working hard on the plans for our annual Mayor and KIB Proud Partner Awards reception and ceremony, to be held on August 11 at the First Baptist Church. It will be hard to top last year's event, but we are going to try! Nominations are being accepted online at both KIB websites. Just go to www.keepirvingbeautiful.org or www.rockthegreen.org through June 18 to submit nominations.

KIB staff will be heading to Austin on June 23-25 for the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference, where we will receive TxDOT's highest honor, the Governor's Community Achievement Award. And we recently were notified that our own Jim Scrivner, KIB Board VP and IISD Energy Manager, won a first place Sadie Ray Graff Educator Award. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor, Jim!