

# Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



## June's Sponsor Spotlight is on Vizient

Keep Irving Beautiful has been featuring sponsors in our newsletters, and this month we pay tribute to a longtime friend of KIB, Vizient. This relationship goes back many years, when they were known as VHA. After a merger with UHC Hospital Networks, and a name change, Vizient is the largest member-owned health care company in the nation, headquartered right here in Irving. They have made giving back to the community a core value of their company, and since 2002 they have held an event called "Community Day." This is an annual day of service in Vizient offices across the country, originally started with funds redirected from the company Christmas party to support this day of giving back. KIB has been a part of the Irving office's Community Day since 2009, serving as one of the host organizations that provide service projects. Over the years, teams from Vizient, usually consisting of about 25 employee volunteers, have revitalized several Parks and Recreation Centers, including Senter, Fritz, Running Bear and Lively Pointe. KIB staff works closely with team leaders to find a suitable project, and many of the Vizient volunteers sign up to be on the KIB team year after year. Planning is already underway for this year's project coming up in October.

Vizient employees volunteer throughout the year in a variety of activities. These include sewing blankets for soldiers, helping with the Real School Garden program, working at the North Texas Food Bank, delivering



Vizient volunteers who were on the KIB team for "Community Day" spruced up the Lively Pointe Pool building with a fresh coat of paint.

Meals on Wheels, and teaching at local schools through the Junior Achievement program. Not only do they volunteer in the community, but they also encourage eco-friendly practices in the office, like reducing office waste with double-sided printing, ink recycling and using recycled paper. They hold an annual "Recycle Week" where they shred and recycle paper, and lead a "Healthier Hospital" initiative to educate their member hospitals about reducing their environmental impact.

Vizient also serves as a year-round sponsor for KIB programs, and have been very generous in their support. A big thanks to Vizient and their employees for all they do, at the global headquarters here in Irving and at their locations across the country.

## Acosta Cares—They Really Do!

Keep Irving Beautiful has had the pleasure of working with Acosta Sales and Marketing Group for several years. The collaboration started with Mosaic Sales Solutions, and when they were acquired by Acosta, we gained even more great volunteers who are part of the company's "Acosta Cares" program of giving back to the community. They are not only fantastic workers, but they know how to have a lot of fun while they work. On Friday, May 5, they demonstrated his with a service project at Senter Park. A total of 67 volunteers gave 268 hours in beautifying the park by painting the metal fencing that borders Delaware Creek, as well as two pavilions and all the barbecue

grills. Another group tackled the job of staining the door to the dumpster enclosure. When all was done, the group celebrated with a cook-out and some beach volleyball.

Previous projects with the Acosta Cares teams included two cleanups at Trinity View Park and another paint project at the Lively Pointe Pool, but they have also made a name for themselves in other community activities, such as sponsoring the annual Irving Police and Fire Blue Christmas Gala and toy drive.

Collaborating with corporate groups like Acosta Cares helps KIB make a difference.

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### Did You Know?

Each year in the US, 50 billion plastic water bottles are used, but only 23% are recycled. But if they are, here's what happens to them:

- PET plastics (#1, like water bottles) are washed, sterilized, chopped and baled
- The plastic is heated until pliable
- This sticky plastic is fed through a machine which turns it to thread that is wound around a spool
- Spools of yarn are dyed, then fed into a machine that makes bolts of cloth
- This cloth is purchase by manufacturers who make clothing from it.

And that's how a bottle becomes wearable! Thanks to Earth911.com for the information.



Remember to come support KIB on "Irving Night" at the AirHogs Stadium on Friday, June 9. KIB will receive a \$3 donation for every \$12 ticket purchased online using the code IRVING. Scan the QR code to the right, or go to the website below to get your tickets, and we will see you there!



[www.airhogsbaseball.com](http://www.airhogsbaseball.com)



Acosta Cares team members at their recent beautification project at Senter Park. While this group painted a pavilion, others were painting metal fencing, barbecue grills or the dumpster enclosure door.

