

# KIB Newsletter



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Dr. Romero at the KIB table at the Otis Brown Elementary Health Fair on October 18.



The KIB table and our Service Learning volunteers at the YMCA Fall Festival on October 24.



The IBC Bible Study group and Service Learning volunteers at the Petting Farm on October 25.



## October Brings Variety to KIB Activities

October for KIB proved to be as diverse as Irving itself, as we participated in a wide variety of activities with volunteers of all ages and backgrounds.

Our youngest volunteers and residents were present at several events, including the Otis Brown Elementary Health Fair, where KIB Board member Dr. Yolanda Romero and her husband Sam represented KIB and distributed reusable shopping bags and other KIB items. There were hundreds of children at the Irving Family YMCA Fall Festival on October 24, where KIB had a table with a spinning wheel and prizes of recycled books from the Friends of the Library. We also made it a green event by supplying recycling stations and keeping the grounds litter-free. KIB staff was joined by four North Lake Service Learning students who earned class credit while helping and giving back to the community.

Faith Group partners were represented by the Irving Bible Church, who participated in a service project at the Fritz Park Petting Farm on October 25. Fourteen volunteers, including four Service Learning students, gave a fresh coat of paint to the fences at one of the City of Irving's most popular park attractions.



VHA Community Day at Senter Park

In the corporate world, KIB once again partnered with VHA, Inc. for their annual "Community Day," where employees are given time off work to volunteer with local organizations. KIB had a group of 14 who gave 42 hours in a paint project at Senter Park Recreation Center on October 14. This was the sixth year that KIB has been a part of this event.

On October 17, four KIB board and staff members conducted the annual Litter Index Survey. The team drove the same route that we have used since 2001, and scored the areas based on the amount of litter seen. This year's results showed a 30% decrease in litter since the original baseline data. This is good news for Irving!

## Coming Up Soon!

KIB will have a tree-planting project with UPS volunteers at the tree farm on Nov 8 (courtesy of a \$5,000 grant from the UPS Foundation through Keep America Beautiful) and will also honor Brandenburg Elementary for their recycling efforts at Arbor Day on Nov 14. This is also the month of America Recycles Day, which KIB has celebrated with the YMCA seniors group for the past few years. They are already busy collecting recyclables, which they bring to the Y to be weighed and recorded by KIB. They do this through Nov. 15, the official America Recycles Day, in hopes of topping last year's total.

## Did You Know?

This month our recycling facts are all about electronic waste. Did you know that:

- The life span of consumer electronics is 2 to 3 years. Americans only recycle 30% of this, so many products end up in landfills.
- Experts estimate that e-waste will grow 1/3 by 2017.
- Worldwide, each person generates 15 pounds of e-waste per year. In the USA, that number is 65 pounds per person.

Source: Earth911