

KIB Newsletter



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Dr. Elba Garcia (center), shown here with Ruben Franco and her guest, staff member Blanca Torres, was one of the honorees at the Proud Partners reception.



The teens and young adults at Emma's House enjoyed seeing KIB mascot Kirby again on August 19.



The Trash Bash is coming! Join the hundreds of your fellow volunteers at KIB's signature cleanup event on Saturday, September 27 at TW Richardson Grove.

A Wonderful Evening to Honor Our "Proud Partners"

Keep Irving Beautiful held its annual "Mayor and KIB Proud Partners Awards" reception on Monday, August 11 at the First Baptist Church of Irving. The 128 attendees enjoyed an appetizer buffet prepared by chef Kristine Sanborn and staff, while listening to beautiful harp music of Becky Scherschell. Geoff Sirkel provided technical support and ran a PowerPoint of during the reception and ceremony, while TJ Friedel served as event photographer. Guests were greeted and signed in by Elouise McMillian, Sandy Franco and Chandler Ude. Cathy Whiteman served as the Mistress of Ceremonies and Councilman Allan Meagher represented the Mayor's Office. Ruben Franco delivered the invocation. The list of winners is included on the KIB website.

Other events in August included a visit to our friends at Emma's House on the 19th. We showed a video called the "Wartville Wizard" and talked about littering and recycling. Mascot Kirby was the star of the show and posed for group pictures.

KIB staff has started planning for a busy, event-filled fall season, including meeting with our Phi Theta Kappa officers to plan for the Trash Bash and other cleanups and beautification projects.



Our very deserving 2014 Proud Partner Award winners (above) and KIB Board and staff (below) at the ceremony on August 11.



Trash Bash!

KIB's biggest cleanup of the year, the 23rd Annual Trash Bash, will be held at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on Saturday, September 27. Last year, 503 volunteers participated, and we hope to equal or top that number in 2014. All ages are welcome, so register your group or just yourself at: www.keepingirvingbeautiful.org. Cleanup starts at 9:00 a.m., followed by hot dog lunch served starting at 11:00, and prize drawings from our sponsors.

Did You Know?

In our continuing series of fun facts you might not have known, did you know that:

- More than 60,000 tons of garbage ends up in Irving's Hunter Ferrell Landfill each year, with each Irving resident throwing away an average of 3.7 pounds per day.
- Approximately 80% of landfill waste is potentially recyclable.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees.

Source: City of Irving's "Think Green...Be Green"