

Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Starts 2020 with Service

The 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday marked the 25th anniversary of being declared a national day of service by Congress - the only federal holiday intended to be a "day on, not a day off." KIB hosted volunteers from Shake Shack on MLK Day (Jan. 20), who gave of their time at the Senter East Building. They applied a fresh coat of paint to the entry area, making it more welcoming for the many people who use this facility throughout the year. Earlier in the month (Jan. 10), volunteers from North Lake College had completed painting the large multi-purpose room, so Senter East is really looking good, thanks to KIB volunteers!

Other events during the month included a presentation to the Parks Board on Jan. 13, and our first board meeting of the new year on Jan 15. On Jan. 24, KIB staff paid a visit to the Heritage Senior Center where they talked about recycling and clean public spaces. They distributed blue recycling bags and recycled books donated by the Friends of the Library.

Looking Ahead to February

KIB will be headed to Memphis, Tennessee, for the Keep America Beautiful National Conference Feb. 11-14. The conference will offer educational sessions as well as a chance to network with affiliates from all over the country.

Before and after that event, KIB will be busy with a variety of activities. On Feb. 4 we will partner with the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) for a project at the Convention Center. A volunteer group will be taking time from their own conference to help KIB in the no-sew blanket project. This enthusiastic group is planning on making dozens of blankets which will be donated to area nonprofits.



Shake Shack volunteer at Senter East Building for the Martin Luther King Day of Service

January is always a month full of awards preparation for the Keep Texas Beautiful program. Staff completed the Governor's Community Achievement Award application on Jan. 2, and during the month submitted state award nominations for several of our community partners. Winners will be announced in March, but they are already winners in our book! This completes all requirements for KIB to once again be a Gold Star Affiliate, the top level an affiliate can achieve.

KIB will present to first-graders at Hanes Elementary Career Day Feb. 7, featuring the students' favorite - mascot Kirby.

The final event scheduled for the month is a cleanup with members of the Christ Church "516 Student" ministry and other youth groups on Feb. 22. They regularly clean the neighborhood behind the church and always enjoy serving the community.



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The photo station was a big hit during KIB's visit to the Heritage Senior Center on Jan. 24



Volunteers finished painting the multi-purpose room at the Senter East building on Jan. 10...



...then Shake Shack volunteers came out on MLK Day to paint the entry area.