



KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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2024 BEGINS!

KIB's first corporate service project of 2024 was a cleanup on Jan. 11 at Bird's Fort Trail Park with 8 employee volunteers from Gartner, Inc. This enthusiastic group gave 16 hours of service, collecting 64 pounds of trash and recyclables, preventing it from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.

Two different student groups chose to spend part of their winter break volunteering with KIB. The Dallas College North Lake Campus Student Government Association (SGA) held a cleanup near the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail on Dec. 27, with 6 volunteers collecting 33 pounds of litter. Nimitz High School AVID students had a cleanup of Running Bear Park on Jan. 4, with 7 volunteers giving 21 hours and collecting 5 bags of trash and recyclables.

The Holy Family Catholic Academy celebrated Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 29 by picking up litter, starting at the campus and ending at Northwest Park. The group of 154 students and adults collected 40 pounds of litter.

The Young Men's Service League (YMSL) from Cistercian were busy making "blessing bags" which they delivered to the KIB office on Jan. 29. They made 460 bags, which will be distributed to organizations who work directly with those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB will join the Irving Public Library Outreach Team at Lively Youth Center on Feb 2, where our friends from the Adult Day Therapeutic Program will make "Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors." We have already received cards made by the women's ministry at Hackberry Creek Church, and the Georgia Farrow after-school program children will also make cards. KIB will deliver these to our "adopted" nursing homes in time for Valentine's Day. Partnerships like these have made this card project (both for Christmas and Valentines Day) such a big success, and we appreciate all the volunteers who have participated.

BOARD AND STAFF NEWS

KIB resumed our monthly board meetings on Jan. 17, after the December hiatus. The officers of the Executive Committee leading the board for the 2023-2025 term are:

- President - Jim Scrivner
- Vice President - Karen Harmon
- Secretary - Brian Bunch
- Treasurer - Scott Wilson

We are very grateful for all the board members who give of their time to help KIB be a successful organization. Here's to working together to achieve another outstanding year in 2024!



Above: Gartner employee volunteers at Bird's Fort Trail; Below: North Lake SGA students at Rock Island Trail



Above: Nimitz AVID students at Running Bear Park; Below: Keep Irving Beautiful Board of Directors

