

Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Ends Year with a Variety of Activities

Keep Irving Beautiful kicked off the holiday season by attending the Irving Arts Center Holiday Open House on Dec. 6, our second year to do so. This event had something for everyone, including Christmas carolers, photo sessions with Santa, jugglers and tree decorating contests. KIB, along with several other nonprofits and city departments, had a table where we gave away coloring books with an environmental theme, as well as recycled books donated by the Friends of the Library. We also invited guests to take their pictures with our new selfie station. Our celebratory mood continued through to the following day, where we wished our long-time board member Margie Stipes a happy 90th birthday at a party held at Stipes Elementary.

Awards are causes for celebration, too, so on that next Monday, KIB staff attended the "IPAR" Awards ceremony sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Not only did we witness three of our community partners win awards – All Things Made New, Mosaic Sales Solutions and Chuck Kirk – but KIB also won the Beautification Award! KIB staff attended the annual Irving



KIB staff received Beautification Award from Parks and Recreation Director Joe Moses

Women's Network Christmas Luncheon on Dec 10 to continue the holiday spirit.

Our volunteers were also busy during December, with the "Loving Our City" group from Calvary Church planting 12 trees at the Sam Houston Trail Park meadow area on Dec. 14. These trees were purchased using funds donated by Northrop Grumman. On Dec. 16, KIB staff visited Lively Pointe Youth Center, where a group of eight teens made two "no-sew blankets" which they donated to the Crisis Ministries Food Pantry. Staff has been planning many activities for 2020, much of it involving planting trees, so stay tuned for information on some very impactful projects coming up.

2019 in Review

Each January, we like to provide a summary of the previous year's activity. What a year 2019 was! Here's a little snapshot of what KIB was up to last year:

- Total Volunteers – 6,659
- Total Hours – 9,340
- Litter Prevention/Recycling - 7,008 pounds trash and 1,303 pounds recyclables collected in 13 cleanups, plus an additional 2,178 bags of trash and 1,222 bags of recyclables from our Adopt-a-Spot teams throughout the year
- Beautification - 64 trees were planted, and 8 paint projects completed at Irving Parks and Recreation facilities



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Mayor Stopfer and wife Melanie stopped by the KIB table for a picture at the Holiday Open House



Calvary Church members planted 12 trees at Sam Houston Trail Park on Dec. 14



These Lively Pointe Youth Center volunteers made no-sew blankets which were then donated to Crisis Ministries.