

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL

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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Leadership Team at their cleanup; Vizient paint project at Trinity View; Senter Park summer campers with seedlings; Butterfly Garden.

2023 was another outstanding year for KIB, with a variety of projects in our focus areas:

- **Litter Abatement and Recycling:** In the last cleanup of 2023, we welcomed the City Manager's Leadership Team to Trinity View Park on Dec. 13. The 25 volunteers gave 75 hours of service and collected 1,010 pounds of trash and recyclables. Throughout the year, KIB sponsored 24 cleanups, with 1,122 volunteers giving 3,145 hours, collecting 13,270 pound of trash and 2,360 pounds of recyclables. In addition to the two community-wide cleanups, the Trash-Off and Trash Bash, we hosted smaller-scale cleanups with Girl and Boy Scouts, school, faith, and corporate groups, with the goal of preventing litter from reaching our local waterways. Our 96 Adopt-a-Spot groups added another 5,817 volunteers, 6,220 hours, 2,405 bags of trash and 1,100 bags of recyclables.

- **Beautification and Community Greening:** Paint projects at Running Bear and Trinity View helped brighten those two parks, and volunteers also beautified our city by planting 38 trees at Towne Lake and Thomas Jefferson Parks and the Tree Farm. We visited five rec centers and one day care, where along with the Urban Forestry and Horticulture Teams, taught children about trees and helped them plant their own seedlings to take home and care for - 159 seedlings total. Volunteers also gave 188 hours in maintaining the Bird's Fort Trail Butterfly Garden

- **Volunteer Generosity:** We can't say enough good things about how caring KIB volunteers are. They made 46 no-sew blankets, wrote more than 1,900 Valentines and Christmas cards, donated 1,125 pounds of canned food, and prepared hundreds of blessing bags, all for the benefit of others in the community.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIORS!

What a wonderful response from our volunteers, who made 1,108 cards for seniors! We partnered with the Irving Public Library and City of Irving Rec Centers again this year to help bring smiles to seniors at five different nursing homes. Shown above are the Lively Adult Day Therapeutic Program and Library staff after a morning spent making cards together. Thank you!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

As we wish all of our volunteers, partners and sponsors a very happy and joyful New Year, we are looking forward to all the great things that 2024 will bring. Staff is busy planning a variety of events that will bring out that volunteer spirit that Irving is known for. Be sure to follow KIB on social media - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - to keep up with programs. Perennial events like the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trash Bash are all on the agenda, but we'll have lots more to come. Please join us in helping to keep Irving beautiful in 2024!