



KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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KIB ACTIVITIES

Is there any better way to start the month of February than by making Valentine's cards with your friends? KIB did just that on Feb. 2 with the Adult Day Therapeutic Program and the Irving Public Library Community Engagement Team. In addition to making cards, the clients were treated to puppet shows and story time by library staff. The cards, along with those made by Hackberry Creek Women's Group and Georgia Farrow Rec Center after-school program, were delivered to two nursing homes and a brain trauma rehab facility in time for Valentine's Day.

KIB welcomed longtime partner Best Buy Store 205 to the KIB office on February 22, where 8 employee volunteers made 4 no-sew blankets. Thanks, Best Buy!

Christ Church "516 Students" Youth Ministry members conducted a neighborhood cleanup on February 24, with 27 youth and 6 adults giving 66 hours and collecting 86 pounds of litter.

KIB visited Holy Family Academy on February 28th for an art project, where a group of 11 6th graders painted birdhouses to take home.

KIB had the pleasure of delivering "blessing bags" to both the TAPPS and Project Pass programs in the Irving ISD. These were made by the City of Irving Leadership Team employees as part of their yearly service project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March brings spring weather and more opportunities for corporate partners to join KIB. Verizon employee volunteers will participate in a cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on March 5, while a new group, Greystar, will be at Bird's Fort Trail Park on March 27th for their cleanup.

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 6!

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is coming up soon, on April 6 at Trinity View Park. Online registration is open now on the KIB website and will close on March 29. Please join your fellow volunteers for our big spring cleanup!

AWARDS

KIB was honored to receive a Keep America Beautiful (KAB) National Innovation Award for our initiatives in tree planting and tree seedling giveaways, with a focus on youth outreach in recreation centers and day cares. KIB also received the President's Circle Award, the highest level for a KAB affiliate.

However, the biggest honor at the KAB Conference was given to our own Margie Stipes, who received the prestigious Lady Bird Johnson Award for her lifetime of volunteer service. Very well deserved, and congratulations, Margie!



Above: Making Valentine cards with ADTP and the library; Below: Best Buy employee volunteers displaying their blankets at the KIB office



Above: Christ Church 516 Students at their cleanup; Below: Blessing bag delivery to the Irving ISD Project Pass program

