



Keep Irving Beautiful Newsletter



KIB Celebrates Seniors on Valentine's Day

The Valentine's Day card project brought joy to senior citizens in Irving nursing homes. KIB invited community members to make or write cards, with 524 volunteers donating 643 cards. This represented 545 volunteer hours and many smiles from the faces of the residents who received the cards. KIB would like to thank the following: Irving Girl Scout Troops; Irving Elite cheerleaders and athletes; Lively and Schulze Elementary Schools; Lamar Middle School; the after-school programs at Lee Park, Georgia Farrow, Northwest, Senter and Mustang Recreation Centers; Shady Grove Learning Center; the Lively Pointe Adult Day Therapeutic Program; Cynthia Sharp, Karen Harmon and Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer and wife Melanie for contributing cards to the project.

As a special treat, KIB volunteer Nancy Ard donated several flower arrangements she had made from recycled materials. KIB staff delivered the cards and flowers in time for the Valentine's Day parties at two nursing homes.

Volunteers continued to be of service to others. Birdhouses made by the Dawoodi Bohra volunteers were donated to Shady Grove Learning Center for the children to paint. Several groups who work with the homeless received no-sew blankets and blessing bags made by KIB volunteers.

Coming Up at KIB

March will be full of activity for KIB as we roll into the spring season. Upcoming events include a tree planting with Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers, a craft project with our friends from the Adult Day Therapeutic Program, a Mardi Gras celebration at the Heritage Senior Center, and two cleanups at the Rock Island Road Bike and Pedestrian Trail—one with local Girl Scouts to commemorate the Girls Scouts of America's 110th birthday, and one with the KIB Board members. We will also have the honor of attending a luncheon to recognize two outstanding KIB volunteers who



Adult Day Therapeutic Program clients display the Valentine's Day Cards they made.

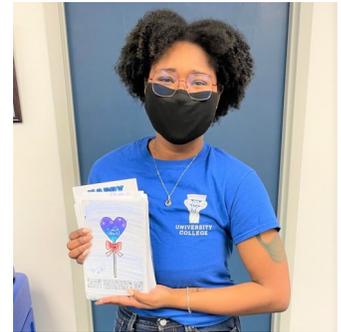
KIB is fortunate to receive great support from the Parks and Recreation Department, and we always enjoy participating in their activities. The 31st annual Parks and Rec Chili Cook-Off was held Feb. 11, and when the judges finished tallying the votes, KIB's Julie Schmitt took home trophies for both Best Chili and Hottest Chili!

The return of the City of Irving's Frost Fest on Feb. 19 was a great success. Levy Event Plaza was turned into a Winter Wonderland, complete with snow hills, a petting zoo, and numerous activities that kept the attendees of all ages entertained. Great job by the Special Events team and all the Parks staff members who worked the event.

will be receiving the High-Spirited Citizen award—Sammy Romero and Elouise McMillian.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, KIB's spring community cleanup, is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at Trinity View Park, from 9 a.m. to noon. Online registration is now open on the KIB website, through March 25. The event also includes a canned food drive which will benefit Crisis Ministries Food Pantry. Come join us in this annual tradition!

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Lamar Middle School students made Valentine's Day cards.



KIB took first place in the annual Parks and Rec Chili Cook-Off.



Visitors enjoyed snow hills, balloon animals and much more at Frost Fest



Register online through March 25 for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off.

