



KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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EARTH MONTH

KIB kicked off April (Earth Month) with our biggest spring cleanup event, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, on April 6 at Trinity View Park. There were 158 volunteers who gave 474 hours of service and collected 360 pounds of trash and 220 pounds of recyclables.

What better way to celebrate the earth than by planting trees? The first event was at the City of Irving Tree Farm on April 15 with Abbott Laboratories employee volunteers. They planted 40 trees, which will grow at the farm until they are ready to be transplanted to parks and public spaces. On Earth Day, April 22, members of the Dallas Everest Lions Club (DELC) and other area clubs planted 21 large trees at Thomas Jefferson Park. Thanks to the Urban Forestry Team for their guidance.

Two new corporate partners joined us this month. Louis Vuitton Americas volunteers met at Bird's Fort Trail Park on April 18 for a cleanup, while Medallion Midstream held their cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on April 25. The totals for these two cleanups were 24 volunteers, 55 hours, and 78 pounds of trash/d recyclables collected.

It's always a good day when we visit the Adult Day Therapeutic Program at Lively Pointe, which KIB did on April 19. We started with educational activity books and talked about why it is important to recycle and not litter. We ended with a cleanup to help keep the park beautiful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May means "career days" at the Irving Independent School District. KIB is scheduled to present at Hanes Elementary on May 2, and at Gilbert Elementary on May 17. Staff will talk about the importance of volunteering, different KIB programs, and the students always enjoy seeing toucan mascot "Kirby."

The Las Brisas Neighborhood will have a cleanup on May 4, with KIB providing the supplies. We will welcome Gartner employee volunteers to Bird's Fort Trail Park for a cleanup on May 10, and Envoy Air to T.W. Richardson Grove Park on May 29.

AWARDS NEWS

KIB has received some great news regarding statewide awards. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) chose KIB as the winner of the Texas Environmental Excellence Award in the Education Category. This award will be presented at the TCEQ conference in May. Our state affiliate, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), announced their "Beautify Texas" award winners, and KIB is the winner for Outstanding Public Education and Outreach. This award will be presented at KTB's virtual State Conference in June. We are honored by the recognition and realize that we owe our volunteers and partners a very big "thank you" for KIB's success.



Above: Resource One Credit Union volunteers at the Trash-Off; Below: Abbott Laboratories volunteers at the City's Tree Farm.



Above: Lions Club members plant trees at Jefferson Park; Below: Medallion Midstream volunteers at T.W. Richardson Grove

