



# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWS

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## TRASH BASH ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS!

T.W. Richardson Grove Park was a sea of activity for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trash Bash on Saturday, Sept. 28 (National Public Lands Day). There were 438 volunteers who gave 1,289 hours of service in helping to keep litter from reaching the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Volunteers were provided with lunch after the cleanup, and had the opportunity to visit many vendor tables. There was something for everyone, including two face painters, a balloon twister, puppet shows by the Irving Library, disc golf, STEM activities, a bubble station, tree seedling giveaways, and live music. KIB has made it a tradition to include a canned food drive with this event, as well as the spring Trash-Off, for many years. Volunteers who brought canned food items could receive an event T-shirt, and the donations benefited Crisis Ministries Food Pantry.

A second National Public Lands Day event with International Paper (IP) took place at Running Bear Park. Volunteers from three IP facilities painted metal safety fencing and also conducted a cleanup of the park. Thank you, International Paper, for choosing KIB as a partner for this event.

KIB was invited to attend the Sept. 10 meeting of the Nichols Park NA, to give a presentation on KIB programs. Nichols Park is an active member of the Adopt-a-Spot program.

A new partner, AMS, chose KIB for their “Day of Giving” project. Employee volunteers met at the KIB office on Sept. 19, where the group of nine made six no-sew blankets. KIB also received a donation of six blankets, made by volunteer Martha Tucker.



Above: Frito Lay Trash Bash Volunteers;  
Below: International Paper volunteers at Running Bear Park



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October always means that it’s time for the Vizient annual Community Day. This year’s event will be on October 8 at Northwest Park, where volunteers will paint structures. KIB has been one of Vizient’s community partners for many years, and we look forward to this event.

As one of the affiliate’s requirements to maintain President’s Circle status with Keep America Beautiful, KIB staff and board members will perform the annual Litter Index survey on Oct. 11. KIB started conducting this survey in 2001, which is an assessment of visible litter along routes throughout Irving.

KIB will partner with the Irving Public Library’s “Big Read” program. The kickoff is Oct. 19, with many events to follow.



Above: AMS volunteers at the KIB office;  
Below: Martha Tucker with one of the six blankets she made

