

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Mayor and KIB Award winners; Adventure Discovery Center children painting boats and boxes; Leaders Academy 3-year-olds say, "Thank you, Home Depot;" Pacific Dental Services Serve Day at T.W. Richardson Grove.

August 7 was the date for one of KIB's favorite events – the Mayor and KIB Annual Awards. We paid tribute to 11 groups and individuals who have made a positive impact in the Irving community. We returned to the Jack D. Huffman Building again this year, and welcomed back our honorary presenter, Mayor Stopfer, and our emcee, Cathy Whiteman. Attendees could also visit the Irving Archives and Museum at no charge. For a complete list of categories and winners, please see the KIB website.

Employees from the North Irving Home Depot gave 16 hours of volunteer time in assembling 67 shadowbox kits and 35 fire rescue boat kits, which they then donated to KIB. Staff visited two different day care centers – Adventure Discovery Center on August 11 and Leaders Bilingual Academy on August 24 – where a total of 36 children enjoyed painting their own boats or boxes. Many thanks to Home Depot for this donation, and to the day cares for welcoming us.

KIB partnered with Pacific Dental Services for a cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on August 19. The 22 adults and 3 youth volunteers combined for 75 hours, and collected 101 pounds of trash and 17 pounds of recyclables. This was part of the company's 13th annual "Smile Generation Serve Day," an event where they provide donated dental services as well as engage in community service projects with local nonprofits.

SAVE THE DATE – TRASH BASH!

KIB's biggest cleanup of the year, the 32nd Annual Trash Bash, is just around the corner. Online registration is active on the KIB website for this event, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. Volunteers who bring canned food to donate to Crisis Ministries Food Pantry will receive a T-Shirt, while supplies last. Sign up by Sept. 15!

UPCOMING EVENTS

As fall approaches, KIB looks forward to a variety of projects and activities, many of them with corporate partners. KIB staff will attend the Pioneer Natural Resources Philanthropy Fair on Sept. 14, where employees will explore volunteer opportunities.

Verizon employee volunteers will be donating their time with KIB, with a cleanup and a tree planting.

KIB has been a Vizient, Inc. Community Day partner for many years, and that will continue with a beautification project at Trinity View Park

NEW ADOPT-A-SPOTS

Join KIB in welcoming our two newest adopters to the program – Robert Hanson of U Dallas, and the Islamic Center of Irving. Adopt-a-Spot is a great way to be of service all year round, and on your own schedule. Please contact the KIB office (972) 721-2175 to find out more information on how you or your group can participate.