

**Irving, Texas, August 3, 2009:** Keep Irving Beautiful and Mayor Herbert Gears hosted the annual “Mayor and KIB Proud Partners Awards” reception on Monday, August 03, at the First Baptist Church, Irving. Fifteen awards were given in 11 different categories. Honorees included:

- Helen Bradley Youth Leadership Awards: **Maria Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, and the Woodmeade/Estelle Creek Apartments Kids Club (leaders: Tom and Andrea Wall)**
- Jack Singley Education Award: **Sherry Martinez (MacArthur High School)**
- Dr. George W. Susat Senior Citizen Award: **Jan Schriefer**
- Faith Group Award: **Knights of Columbus Council 5243**
- R.M. Hudson Business and Industry Award: **Glory House Catering (Jo Ann Goin)**
- Iron Eyes Cody Media Award: **The Irving Rambler**
- Schulze-Brown Individual Leadership Award: **Lorraine Taylor**
- Frank Pate Law Enforcement Award: **City of Irving Code Enforcement**
- Gregg Mays Green Government Award: **City of Irving Central Receiving**
- Ben Carpenter Vision Award: **Best Buy Tag Teams, stores 1032 and 205**
- KIB Hometown Awards: **Nelle Ann Hunt and Kaye Whitehead**

In addition, local winners of 2009 Keep Texas Beautiful Awards were also honored. Keep Texas Beautiful, (KTB) has over 350 affiliates statewide. First Place KTB awards winners included the Irving Lake Association (Civic Groups Category), the Irving Rambler (Media Category) and the Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at North Lake College (Youth: Colleges and Universities Category). The City of Irving’s Code Enforcement and Parks and Recreation Departments received third place and honorable mention, respectively, in the Government categories.