

# KIB Newsletter



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Volunteers from the Centers for Spiritual Living in Irving and Dallas at their September 13 cleanup.



These young participants at the Great American Cleanup show that it's never too early to start volunteering with KIB!



Trash Bash Volunteers



## At KIB, It's All About Our Volunteers

There is no doubt that Keep Irving Beautiful is a volunteer-driven organization. Our volunteers come from Irving and the surrounding area with the common goal of making our community a cleaner, greener, better place to live, work and play. They may be giving their time as a member of a scout troop, corporate team, faith group, school or neighborhood association, or just as one person with the right heart. At our events, you might see volunteers in strollers or using walkers, as there is no age limit for making a positive difference. Thanks to all our fantastic volunteers who make what KIB does possible.

Many of those volunteers have come to us through North Lake College, and KIB staff attended the NLC Service Learning Fair on September 11 to speak to students about joining the KIB team. Students receive credit in their classes for their participation with non-profit organizations.

Two of those students got an early start on their hours by helping sign in and distribute supplies at a cleanup at Trinity View Park on September 13. Members of Irving's Celebration of Life along with several Dallas-based Centers for Spiritual Living spent their Saturday morning collecting 165 pounds of trash and 113 of recyclables.



Volunteer Spotlight: JeQuis Arnette

"I began my experience with Keep Irving Beautiful as a community service worker. From the first day I walked in, Rick and Julie treated me like a friend and always made me feel that I was welcome and a valuable part of the organization. When I finished my hours, I continued volunteering with KIB. I'm always looking for ways to help out, and KIB offers so many opportunities to do that. Their events, like cleanups, beautification projects and green events, are fun and educational. I appreciate KIB, and I think the rest of our community does, too."

## Trash Bash Recap

The 23rd Annual Trash Bash on Sept 27 drew 619 volunteers to T.W. Richardson Grove Park. Thanks to our partners - Irving Parks, Solid Waste Services, Corporate Communications, Code Enforcement, HHS and HR Departments, Phi Theta Kappa, Frito-Lay, VHA, YMCA, Oncor, PlayTri, Twin Wells, Maxwell Blade, Glory House, Trinity River Kayak, FastSigns, Arnold Brothers Wood, Rambler and Burb Newspapers - and to our great volunteers, who gave 1857 hours, collecting 2240 pounds of trash and 860 pounds of recyclables. In addition, 298 food items were donated to the Bear Creek Church Food Pantry.

## Did You Know?

Here are a few more fun facts to share:

- Recycling one ton of cardboard saves nine cubic yards of landfill space
- The global recycling industry employs 1.5 million people and is valued at \$160 billion.
- In Denmark, 98% of glass bottles are returned by consumers for reuse.

Sources: EPA, Earth 911