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Keep Irving Beautiful and Holy Family Youth Partner with Emma's House

Irving, Texas, July 27, 2016. Keep Irving Beautiful (KIB) reaches out to the community to promote volunteerism, and their faith groups outreach program has been a rewarding initiative over the years. This summer they welcomed a new faith group partner, the Total Youth Ministry group from Holy Family Catholic Church in Irving, who worked together with KIB and Emma's House in a craft project. Emma's House is a non-profit care center for teens and young adults with special needs and is known as "a special place for special people." KIB has partnered with Emma's House and director Debbie Elizondo for several years, and for their most recent visit to the facility, they were joined by the Total Youth Ministry. Prior to the visit, KIB provided material to the Holy Family Youth, who prepared it by cutting strips around the edges which would later be tied together to make blankets. On Wednesday, July 27, Total Youth Ministry Director Shelby Flood and six volunteers arrived at Emma's House, joining KIB staff and Emma's House members to complete four blankets, which were donated to the Sisters of The Holy Family of Nazareth.

After the project was complete, KIB staff talked about taking care of the environment and the importance of recycling, and showed the group a number of items which were made from recycled material like tires and plastic bottles. Mascot "Buddy the Blue Recycling Bag" then made an appearance and posed for photos with the group. Before leaving, each Emma's House camper and volunteer was presented with a KIB backpack.

KIB's Faith Groups co-chairman Arnold Martin had this to say about the partnership: "Faith groups are some of our favorite people to work with because they show such dedication to helping others and giving back to the community. This project was special because of the new partnership we formed with Total Youth Ministry, and for the fact that we donated the blankets to the Sisters of The Holy Family of Nazareth."

Keep Irving Beautiful is a non-profit, grassroots, leadership organization dedicated to educating our community about litter abatement, recycling, and beautification in order to help preserve the health and promote the social and economic prosperity of our city. To find out how you can volunteer, go to www.keepirvingbeautiful.org or call the KIB office at 972-721-2175.

