

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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THE RAIN CONTINUES, AND SO DOES KIB

Once again, weather proved to be a challenge for KIB activities this month, and several events that we were looking forward to had to be postponed due to rain. That didn't stop us from accomplishing some outstanding projects, renewing long-time partnerships and establishing new ones. One perennial partner and sponsor is Vizient, Inc., and on May 16, a group of their employee volunteers, joined by a North Lake Service Learning student, worked with KIB at the Family Advocacy Center. They stained the fence which surrounds the children's play area and therapy garden, with 19 volunteers giving 76 hours of service. Later in the month, we worked with a company for the first time, Dallas-based Connectrac, whose employee volunteer participated in a day of service at Trinity View Park on May 24. A total of 49 volunteers gave 196 hours in painting two pavilions by the football fields, as well as collecting litter that had washed in from recent rains – 420 pounds of trash, and 130 pounds of recyclable material.

JUNE EVENTS

We have some exciting events coming up in June, the first being a partnership with our national affiliate, Keep America Beautiful, and the Irving office of Pernod Ricard USA on June 6 at Trinity View Park. Their employees will be assembling two benches made from recyclable materials, painting pavilions and conducting a park cleanup. Other events on the schedule are:

- Latter-day Saints youth group cleanup at Running Bear Park, June 8
- All Things Made New will host Emma's House and KIB for a day of making no sew blankets and other activities, June 14
- Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in Rockwall, June 17-20. KIB will receive the Sustained Excellence and Gold Star Awards, and three of our community partners will be honored with first-place awards
- American Airlines employees cleanup at Trinity View Park, June 28

KIB staff will also focus on preparing additional applications for awards, as well as grants to help us do even more in the community.

As a reminder, if you want to help KIB in our fundraising efforts, you can donate directly on the KIB website, at <http://donate.rockthegreen.org/>. Other ways to help are by connecting your Kroger or Tom Thumb cards to KIB, or by shopping online at Amazon Smile and choosing KIB as your charity. KIB will receive a percentage of each purchase, and you will receive our gratitude for helping this organization.



Top to Bottom: Vizient employee volunteers at Family Advocacy Center; Connectrac Employee volunteers at Trinity View Park; KTB State Conference coming up in Rockwall - "Navigating a Changing Texas."

