

# KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



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## KIB'S JUNE ACTIVITIES

June saw KIB working around the weather to make our projects happen and enjoy the results of the hard work and enthusiasm of outstanding volunteers. Our first event a joint project with Pernod Ricard USA (PRUSA) and Keep America Beautiful on June 6 was changed from outdoors at Trinity View to indoors at Georgia Farrow Recreation Center. The group of 32 gave 132 hours by painting throughout the center, as well as assembling two benches which the company had purchased. This was our first time partnering with PRUSA, and later that week we worked with another first-time partner, BAPS Charities, at their "Walk Green Dallas" at Ranchview High on June 8. KIB was one of three local nonprofits to be beneficiaries of this fundraising event. That same day, members of the Latter-day Saints Church participated in a cleanup at Running Bear Park where 29 volunteers gave 87 hours of service in collecting more than 1,300 pounds of trash and recyclables.

We had a fun day at All Things Made New on June 14, where we were joined by Emma's House and Irving Elks Lodge members for fellowship and a pizza party. The group made four no-sew blankets together, which will be used as a fundraiser for Emma's House. KIB staff attended the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in Rockwall June 17-20, where we received the Gold Star and Sustained Excellence Awards, and three of our nominated partners received first-place state awards – Frito-Lay Irving, City of Irving Parks and Recreation Department, and KIB board member Chuck Kirk. KIB closed out the month by visiting the Heritage Senior Center on June 28 to talk about recycling and clean public spaces. Through the month, we continued to plan and prepare for our annual awards ceremony to be held August 5 – winners announced very soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB has lots on the calendar, including:

- Calvary Church SERVE Day – Paint and cleanup projects at both Johnston and Lively School Parks, July 13
- Emma's House – our annual visit, July 16
- Christ Church Youth – Beautification at Trinity View Park, July 18
- American Airlines employees - Cleanup at TW Richardson Grove, July 19
- Senter Park Recreation Center – Environmental Mascot Skit, July 29

Even though we have had more than our share of rain this spring, it's still always wise to think about water conservation. The Take Care of Texas program offers "Water Wise" tips on their website [www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org). Here's one: Collecting rainwater from just 10% of Texas residential rooftops would conserve 27 billion gallons of water annually!



*Top to Bottom: Pernod Ricard USA employee volunteers; KIB Board members at BAPS Charities Walk Green Dallas 2019; Emma's House/All Things Made New with blankets; KIB staff accepts Gold Star Award at KTB Conference in Rockwall.*