# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



**2017** was a record-breaking year for Keep Omaha Beautiful. Our volunteers, learners, and supporters exceeded our expectations in fostering environmental and community stewardship throughout our city. Take a look at everything we accomplished together!

### **Record Achievements**



Would fill nearly every seat in the Omaha Storm Chasers' baseball stadium LAST YEAR = 4,333 HISTORICAL AVG. = 1,702



Equates to a community benefit of \$369,848

LAST YEAR = 10,364 HISTORICAL AVG. = 3,785



Thanks to KOB's 160 school and community-based environmental education activities

LAST YEAR = 9,591 HISTORICAL AVG. = 4,508



Resulted in 5,000+ bags of litter collected (trash & recyclables)

LAST YEAR = 283 HISTORICAL AVG. = 113



Volunteers installed "no dumping/ drains to waterways" decals on storm drains

LAST YEAR = 1,495 HISTORICAL AVG. = 1,371

### **MISSION**

To foster environmental and community stewardship through education, service, and advocacy.



# **Successes Worth Celebrating**



#### SERVICE LEARNING

Roughly 1/3 of KOB's environmental education activities with school youth and community residents involved service-learning elements.



#### OMAHA SPRING CLEANUP

Supported the City of Omaha and approximately 100 neighborhood associations with this event, resulting in 1,448 tons of bulky material diverted for proper disposal and recycling.



#### TIRE RECYCLING

Helped the City of Omaha conduct a tire recycling event in which 3,025 scrap tires were collected.



#### **GLASS RECYCLING**

Secured a grant from the Nebraska Recycling Council to purchase and deploy three additional glass recycling collection containers.



#### YOUTH FALL CLEANUP

More than 935 youth and adults participated in this city-wide KOB event, an increase of 435 participants from last year and a record for the organization.



#### **WORLD O! WATER**

Assisted the City of Omaha in coordinating the World O! Water festival, resulting in 2,000+ attendees who learned about water conservation and pollution prevention.



# SIENA/FRANCIS HOUSE PARTNERSHIP

A total of 211 Siena/Francis House homeless shelter residents completed 1,805 hours of paid service, resulting in 1,713 bags of litter collected in north downtown Omaha.



#### **VACANT LOT REVITALIZATION**

During phase one, neighborhood residents and KOB volunteers helped install 775 native plants, a permeable path, and two educational signs on a city-owned vacant lot.



#### LICENSE PLATE RECYCLING

In partnership with the Douglas County Treasurer's Office, shredded and recycled 8.3 tons of used license plates.



# **Additional Accomplishments**

- Implemented new strategic plan and achieved year-one objectives
- Updated mission and programmatic priorities
- Achieved 100% participation regarding the KOB Board of Directors' annual financial contribution
- Per a structured self-assessment, the Board of Directors also demonstrated high levels of engagement/involvement
- Achieved 4,580 e-news and social media followers with high levels of engagement
- A total of 19,717 unique individuals visited KOB's website, with the Recycling & Reuse Guide page receiving the most traffic

- Welcomed Hannah Rennard-Ganley as KOB's new Environmental Education & Community Outreach Coordinator
- Conducted a zero-landfill event for the first time with KOB's 24th Annual Golf Classic fundraiser
- Achieved a record number of Omaha Gives! donors and contributions for the organization
- Expanded the Adopt-A-Park program, which KOB helps coordinate for the City of Omaha
- Provided portable recycling containers for multiple community events throughout 2017
- Received the Omaha Health Underwriters Association's Service to Mankind Award for 2017

# **Supporting Our Mission**





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