

## Revitalization in the Tulsa Arts District

*Tulsa, OK*

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) awarded the George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF) a \$200,000 petroleum subgrant for environmental cleanup. GKFF is a philanthropic organization dedicated to reducing the cycle of poverty in Tulsa. GKFF held neighborhood visioning sessions in 2009 to revitalize the Tulsa warehouse district.

The subgrant was used to remove 12 underground storage tanks at a former truck terminal, now known as Guthrie Green. GKFF utilized grants to install geothermal wells and solar lighting; they invested \$10 million to build the park, concert venue, and streetscape. The geothermal wells provide heating and cooling to nearby buildings, and the solar panels power the park. Guthrie Green includes a large stage for concerts, dancing fountains, gardens, café; and offers weekly concerts, food trucks, fitness classes, movie nights, and festivals free of charge.



*During Cleanup*



*After Cleanup*



*Grant Ceremony*



*Guthrie Green*