

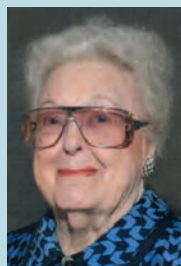


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Oklahoma City Beautiful presents its Mother Earth environmental education program to students at Greystone Elementary School in Oklahoma City. The educational program, which includes an interactive play and curriculum on subjects such as recycling, littering and water conservation, reaches more than 10,000 students each year with the message of how to take care of and respect the earth.

Gladys Tucker

Although she was originally from Iowa, Gladys Tucker loved Oklahoma City. After graduating from high school in La Porte City, Iowa, Gladys attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, she met and married Morrison Tucker and in 1951, they moved their family to Oklahoma City.



The Tuckers immediately embraced Oklahoma City and became involved in various civic organizations. Passionate about music, Gladys sang in the choir at St. Paul's Cathedral and enjoyed traveling to opera houses in New York, Santa Fe, Dallas and Tulsa. She served on the board of directors for the Oklahoma City Art League, Oklahoma City Ballet and Oklahoma City Philharmonic Society and was a founding member of the executive advisory board for the Oklahoma City University Wanda L. Bass School of Music.

Gladys and Morrison were longtime supporters of beautification efforts in Oklahoma City. Mr. Tucker helped to establish Oklahoma City Beautiful, a nonprofit organization that provides beautification, litter abatement and education programs. After his death in 1994, Gladys established the Morrison Graham Tucker Beautification Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to support an annual leadership award at the organization. Thanks to the support of generous donors such as the Tuckers, Oklahoma City Beautiful will be able to share its message of environmental stewardship with future generations.

Gladys lived to be 100 years old and lived vibrantly every day of her life. She worked in the White House with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, in Venezuela with the Rockefeller family and in Oklahoma City with many friends who loved flowers and music as she did. She truly "bloomed where she was planted" and brought her gracious good spirit to everyone she met.