



Volume 3; Issue #1

Grace Klein Community Newsletter

January 2017



### OUR PURPOSE

To Demonstrate the Love of Christ

Grace Klein Community exists as an educational and charitable 501(c)3 non-profit providing relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged, lessening community tensions, eliminating prejudice and discrimination and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

[www.gracekleincommunity.com](http://www.gracekleincommunity.com)

- 02/12/2017: [Mercedes Marathon Discards Pickup](#)
- 02/17/2017: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- 02/18/2017: [Monthly Food Delivery](#)
- 02/25/2017: [Ultimate Disc Tournament](#)

### UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – “HopeHuck” Indoor Ultimate Tourney

“Huck” is giving our best “toss” to bring hope to families in Greater Birmingham through a box of food.

Whether you’re a seasoned veteran Ultimate Frisbee player preparing for summer leagues, or you’ve never heard of the growing sport of Ultimate, Grace Klein Community and D1 Sports Birmingham are partnering to bring you an exciting opportunity to grab a disc, get your friends together, and support local missions through a brand new tournament in Birmingham, Alabama.

On February 26th, 2017, Grace Klein Community will hold its first ever Ultimate Frisbee tournament fundraiser at the indoor football stadium at D1 Sports! Team registration fees, and other proceeds will help Grace Klein Community in a variety of ways, allowing us to serve the local Birmingham community by bringing more than 200 families in need monthly food boxes containing everything from meat and produce to breads and staple goods.

Date: Sunday, February 26, 2017  
 Time: First Flight begins at 8:00am  
 Location: D1 Birmingham, 1651 Independence Ct. Homewood, AL, 35209  
 Team Entry: Participants are required to raise a minimum of \$400 per team (\$40 per player)

[READ MORE](#), **REGISTER NOW** and start your fundraising efforts today!





## **MERCEDES MARATHON DISCARD PICKUP**

Calling all volunteers! Grace Klein Community has been actively involved in the Mercedes Marathon discard pickup for over 7 years. We are the designated organization to collect the clothing and gloves that are shed by the runners involved in the marathon.

Date: February 12, 2017

Volunteer Meeting Time: Between 6:30 & 6:45 AM

Meeting Point: 8th Avenue N, between 17th St N. and 18th St N.

To commit to volunteer on the day of the race or help wash the clothing after:

Email [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com)

\*Men volunteers are helpful as the clothing becomes heavy.\* [READ MORE](#)

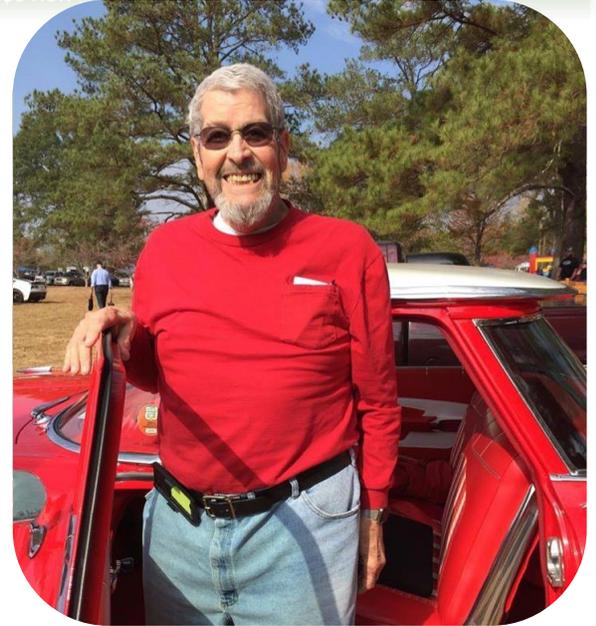
“When you are doing what you love, no one has to motivate you.” – Rick Warren

## **LOCAL EFFORTS**

### **Faithful Servant**

Roger Isbell has been a food delivery volunteer with Grace Klein Community while battling cancer. He delivered food until he could not possibly deliver. How amazing is that?? Until he was put on hospice he did not stop. Wow!! What a faithful servant of Jesus to give until he had absolutely nothing left to give. He teaches us the legacy we want to leave. He gave willingly and joyfully. He demonstrated humility as even when he could not lift the food box, he gladly allowed others to load the box and unload the box so he could serve the lady who needed the food. He gave beyond capacity. How well pleased must Jesus be of Roger, His faithful servant.

Last week Roger was put on hospice for his cancer diagnosis and things do not look good. As a community and Jesus family, let us rally around Roger and his daughter Melodi during this time. Pray for God to heal him and to comfort him in his pain. Pray for peace beyond all understanding. Pray for endurance and mercy. Pray for laughter and sweet remembrance of what Jesus has done in him, through him and around him. Pray that God will continue to be glorified in Roger's life and that he will now love well his hospice care team and his family. Until there is no breathe left, pray that Roger will keep giving it all he's got for the Kingdom of God and for the sake of Jesus for which he fully lives. Blessed be the name of the Lord.



### **Big Hearts, Big Impact**

“The GKC Trade Market is an amazing group that is helping families. The staff and volunteers give their time and energy so genuinely and without a second thought. This group is helping people by providing foods that some people aren't able to purchase after the funds run out from paying bills. The families are provided with hope in knowing there is a place to go and get foods to help assist in hard time. Everyone including the recipients become volunteers. They have become like family.

I pick up food for several families. These families are single parents with kids, some are elderly and some just need assistance. The families are so excited to receive any small amount of help. Every little bit helps, but this group provides as much as you need of what is delivered to them. There are not enough words to express thanks for the assistance received from the group. It certainly lifts the burden to know you have support and there are loving people that can provide food for others.

The process is hard work by people with big hearts. It requires unloading, preparing for pickup, getting certain foods cut and put in bags and various other tasks. In the END the impact of their existence is AMAZING! Grace Klein Community is doing something great to help the community.”

[READ MORE](#)



## GLOBAL EFFORTS

### For the Lord of the Harvest

“Though I left home with heavy heart for leaving all of you, once I touched my motherland and saw my family, my burden was lifted. By the grace of God, I landed safely in India on November 30th. We had family prayer and we praised and worshiped our Lord Jesus Christ for His Love and grace up on me and upon my family in my absence. I left India when my daughter was newborn. Now she is one year old and is able to recognize and call me “Achha” (Dad). There is so much joy while playing, feeding, changing her diaper, changing her dress and tucking her in bed. My wife and children are truly a blessing and reward in my life.”

[READ MORE](#)



“Our walks count far more than our talks, ALWAYS.” – George Mueller

„Οἱ καθ' ἑαυτοῦ ὡς ἓξ ἄλλα μέλη ἓξ ἄλλα ἔργα ἔχοντες, ὡς ἓξ ἄλλα μέλη ἓξ ἄλλα ἔργα ἔχοντες” – 1 Κορινθίους 12:18

### BETTER TOGETHER

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12: 4-5

Our “better togethers” introduce various members of Grace Klein Community and help us understand how our different giftings work together to form one body. We are better together.



### Trust and Obey

What if God told you to marry a man outside your race? And outside your nationality?! What if He told you that you would move to another country to serve children and you would never see that place until you were married? What if he told you to sell your car and use the money for a flight back to your homeland to see your family?

Jeanette Phiri, director of the [Kwathu Children’s Home](#), with her husband and co-director, Agrippa Phiri, answered “yes” to all the above scenarios...

[READ MORE](#)

### Fully Present in the Right Now

One of our Grace Klein Community prayer warriors is Shannon Haskins. She loves Jesus with all her heart, soul, mind and strength. She also loves her neighbor as she loves herself. Many weeks her time is spent going from coffee, to lunch, to a walk, to another coffee to listen to the hearts of women. Funny story, Shannon doesn’t even drink coffee, she just loves people. She’s asking questions and pouring into each woman with scriptures, prayers and words of encouragement. Willing to listen, she knows so many confidential things about so many people, and she holds all those things in confidence, only sharing with Jesus. [READ MORE](#)



### Pull in the Driveway

Debbie is a helper. She sees the need and she’s there, helping in the capacity that she can help. She’s smiling. She is learning the names of the rest of the family. She is listening to their stories. She is noticing strangers. She is standing by the broken. She is gentle and trustworthy. She makes us better!

The other day she rescued some old furniture. She did not know who may need what, but she knew someone would. She was thinking of the family. Then a need showed up on Acts 4:32 about some dining room chairs and you guessed it, she had them. She was ready to serve and meet the need, because she is living her days thinking of others. How cool is Debbie!?! [READ MORE](#)



**Meet One of Our Newest Staff Members**  
**Giorgio Fareira – Advocate, Food Insecurity**

An odd prophecy come true. Many prayers answered. Hard work for something real.

I'm beginning a new chapter in the journey of my life. It feels like I'm stepping out of the fog that exists in my head when someone asks "Where do you see yourself in 5 years?" I've never been able to give a real answer to that question because I gave my life to God when I was 13 years old (which is right around the time when people start asking you that question) and from the start, God's made it clear that He has very odd and amazing plans for my life as long as I trust Him to lead me.

[READ MORE](#)



"Jesus replied: 'You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.'" – John 13:7

**HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED**

**Dawson Serve Day**

On January 14, 2017, students of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church served at six Grace Klein Community assigned sites around Birmingham.

We are so thankful for these students who work so hard, diligently, and without hesitation to love on folks. We are all better together!

**Liberty Missions Conference**

January 27 – 29, 2017, Liberty Church Birmingham hosted their annual "To the Ends of the Earth" mission's conference.

During the breakout sessions, Grace Klein Community had the opportunity of sharing God stories, providing encouragement to those interested in serving alongside us, and telling of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness over the years.

**Brookhills Serve Day**

On January 28, 2017, the Youth of The Church at Brook Hills contributed their time and energy to love on widows, friends, and partner ministries of Grace Klein Community.

The Youth served at fourteen different sites in Birmingham, showing love, caring for those in need, and sacrificing their own desires for the sake of others.



**THANK YOU** to the 48 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



*thank you*



**THANK YOU** to the 61 individuals and families as well as the 11 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

**MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS**

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our [Business Partners](#) for their support!

SCCS's partnership with GKC evolved naturally several years ago. After Grace Klein Community board members Jason and Jenny Waltman, began homeschooling with Shelby Crossings, and shared more of their unique approach to life (sharing everything in community and seeking ways to serve others daily), SCCS administrator and founder Jennifer Vines was inspired to incorporate more service opportunities into the school calendar.

Many SCCS families have volunteered their time to serve through our Grace Klein connection. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with a non-profit that we know helps so many families and whose goal is one we wholeheartedly endorse.

