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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.

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<u>UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – NETWORKING FOR A CAUSE</u>

On March 28, 2017, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at Vecchia Pizzeria & Mercato.

Networking for a Cause is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, build relationships, and make new contacts, while raising funds to assist families in the Birmingham area with food, clothing, and household items. An average of 150 business professionals attend our networking events.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the local ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community. Please join us for an evening of networking, great food, live music, a silent auction, and door prizes.

Admission is free.

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Vecchia, 610 Preserve Pkwy Suite 100, Hoover, AL





LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Gather the family, grab your favorite board game, and head on down to Moe's Southwest Grill for a Family Fun Night!

When: TONIGHT (2/28/2017)

Where: The Village at Lee Branch, 270 Doug Baker Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35242

Time: 5 til 9 PM

Be sure to put your receipt in the bucket available at the register to ensure your order is counted as part of a percentage donation benefiting Grace Klein Community.

Let us know you're coming!

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"A Father of the Fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation." – Psalm 68:5

LOCAL EFFORTS

Moon Mission Accomplished

Thanks to 90 amazing individuals and families, Evan and his parents received an amazing surprise for his 33rd birthday. Guess how much was raised for our brother Evan one \$33 puzzle piece at a time??!!

\$18,724.19... in three weeks...yes!! **\$18,724.19...** some of which has ALREADY been used to cover medical expenses for Evan and will continue to help him for the coming months.

Our goal was \$16,500 and because of the amazing friends and families who showed the LOVE, we blew past that goal!! If you gave towards this special birthday surprise, for every \$33 you gave, you have a piece in this puzzle.

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Global Efforts

The Leadership Experience, Lesotho

"Our opening event of 2017 was the Saturday Youth Program on January 14, 2017. After a three week break over the holidays it was good to be together again and there is a sense of excitement as we kick off a new year. Another boost in the LXP Youth family has come from the new group which has started meeting in a village about 5km away from us in HaBelo. A young woman from HaBelo who became a big part of our youth leadership team in 2016 has started meeting with the kids and youth from her village every Saturday."

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Kwathu Children's Home, Livingstone, Zambia

As we (Grace Klein Community) look back on the years partnered with Kwathu Children's Home, the time reflects the Glory of such a Faithful Father. Look what the Lord has done over the past two years at Kwathu Children's Home...

- The first children's home on the property has been completed, now home to 16 beautiful children.
- The administration block has been completed, providing office space for the Directors and staff, as well as storage for tangible donations. READ MORE

For further info about child sponsorship email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com







Asbury University Tumbling Team in Birmingham

March 11 - 15, 2017, in partnership with Grace Klein Community, the Asbury University Tumbling Team, an acrobatic group, will be traveling to Birmingham performing <u>free</u> shows/assemblies, bringing a positive message to students across America. The college students desire to impact younger students by being a positive example of what hard work, a strong education, healthy active lifestyles, and a good attitude can do for each of the kids in their audiences.

Email <u>natalie@gracekleincommunity.com</u> for further information. We still have time slots available if you're interested in booking a performance for your school, church or organization.

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"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.



You Revive Me, Lord

A mom of four, working part time, an adoptive family, a friend to a friend battling cancer, a sidelines sports mama, a neighbor to many, a sister and sister-in-law, a daughter, a faithful wife, a volunteer – all roles evident of servanthood, others first and "not about me." How many woman are so similar to Nanette Bickel as they also juggle a huge pile of plates?

Being around Nanette, time after time, she is becoming more and more alive. The amazement of her passion for Jesus is blooming in the patterns of her everyday life. She has deeper love for her neighbors and her community.

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Growing On Up

Today Micah's growth is evident as he distributes fruit and veggies in food boxes while teaching other kids how to do it. He has learned how to break down boxes for recycling, will gather the eggs from the chicken coop, learned how to water and feed the chickens, and if you listen really close, you will hear him singing as we worship.

His depth of love for people is growing. He is noticing what others like and don't like. He is building friendships with other community members. He is learning how to listen and how to contribute. God is constantly growing Micah up.



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Remember Jesus

The prayer of this woman is powerful and effective and accomplishes much! She's a warrior for the Kingdom, fighting to love well every single person she meets, whether they are similar to her or completely different from her. She wakes up and puts on love. Then, she gets out of bed and scatters that love over everyone she meets.

Get to know this woman who is intentionally hanging around Grace Klein Community because she wants to get to know YOU. Feel Jesus seeping out of every part of who she is and realize that her pursuit of YOU is Jesus' pursuit of you from the beautiful flesh of a precious woman. READ MORE

Meet One of Our Newest Staff Members Amaris Joy – Office Manager

Grace Klein Community allows me to keep my eyes open to needs beyond my own and teaches my children what Christ's love looks, sounds, and acts like. I love watching people share all they have, with the understanding that it all belongs to God and He is our Provision and our Sustainer. We don't have to be afraid to give. We can never "out-give" God. Seeing this in action on a daily basis is a direct answer to my prayers over the years. We don't have to go far to serve or receive help. God is anywhere there is a need and He will pull people and resources together in amazing ways. READ MORE



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." – Rom 8:28

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Mercedes Marathon

On February 13, 2017, Grace Klein Community volunteers gathered behind the runners in the Mercedes Marathon to collect clothing being dropped by the runners to be donated to those in need. Grace Klein Community has served at the Mercedes Marathon for many years, 7 to be exact, but this year was quite unique.

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Southeastern Bible College Mission Conference

On February 21, 2017, Grace Klein
Community had the honor of participating
in the Southeastern Bible College (SEBC)
Mission Conference. The focus of the
conference was Business as Mission.
Many local ministries were present for a
special luncheon and networking session.

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HopeHuck Ultimate Frisbee Tourney

On February 26, 2017, Grace Klein Community hosted its first ever #HopeHuck Ultimate Frisbee tournament fundraiser. Four teams came together of all ages and experience levels to raise funds for families in need, enjoy a delicious lunch together, and participate in some friendly competition on the Frisbee field.

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THANK YOU to the 54 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 141 individuals and families as well as the 15 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!

"APH Radio supports local ministries, charities and civic organizations. When we partner with Grace Klein Community, we play a small role in loving on the families in the Birmingham area and helping meet their physical and spiritual needs. And since APH Radio exists to make a difference in our community, partnering with GKC just makes sense."

If your business or employer may be interested in becoming a Business Partner, please visit our How to Become a Business Partner page.

