

THE HEART OF MAN PLANS HIS WAY, BUT THE LORD ESTABLISHES HIS STEPS.

PROVERBS 16:9



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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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- 10/07/2017: [Kwathu Children's Home - Yard Sale](#)
- 10/10/2017: [Family Fun Night – Golden Rule, Pelham](#)
- 10/20/2017: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
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- 10/24/2017: [Networking for a Cause](#)
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There is *always* something to be *thankful* for.

The Big Announcement – GKC “officially” Goes Green

Did you notice our new logo on all our social media platforms? Wonder what it means? Or maybe you've already tried to decipher the hidden meaning?

The color green symbolizes growth, re-purposing, re-cycling and re-using so that nothing is wasted. If you are a part of anything Grace Klein Community, you know we are green! We strive for no waste and spend our days educating members to see and implement alternate purposes in everything.

Notice the arrows in the design of the logo. The arrows represent giving and taking, receiving and sharing, true reciprocal community without end. If you have a desire to be a part of Grace Klein Community, the importance of giving and taking will be valuable to your participation, understanding, influence and value as a member. We have learned community functions best when we all give and all take.

Perhaps you missed the hidden aspect behind the logo. Look again. Do you see the gray arrow pointing upward? The arrow depicts the organic lifestyle of Grace Klein Community, for every area of our lives, with our focus first and foremost on Jesus Christ. We are who we are today because of Him. The strength in our efforts, the joy in our hearts and the ability to function as individuals, together as a community to love on others, is only because of Jesus.

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Networking for a Cause – Business Networking Event

On October 24, 2017, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly [Networking for a Cause](#) event at [Vecchia Pizzeria and 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.

Please join us for an evening of networking, great food, live music, a silent auction, and door prizes.

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“Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!” – 1 Chronicles 16:11

Local Efforts

Burke Journey to Six – Shoe Drive

Grace Klein Community loves helping bring an adoptive child home to their forever family. Sometimes we help with yard sales or receiving funds for the adoptive family, but this time – it’s a SHOE drive. In partnership with [Funds2Orgs](#), [Grace Klein Community](#) is hosting a SHOE DRIVE in support of the [Burke](#) Family Adoption... and WE NEED YOU. Consider donating those shoes you haven’t worn in a year, the pairs that your kiddos have outgrown, or you can even be CRAZY and give your favorite!

The shoes will bless people all over the world, empowering micro enterprise business programs in Haiti and other third world countries, and the Burkes will receive funds for their adoption. Sounds like an awesome win-win for everybody!!

Download a flyer [HERE](#) and start a shoe drive today in your neighborhood supporting the Burke Family in their adoption journey. [READ MORE](#)



GKC partners with Birmingham Team Moxie to respond to Hurricane Harvey Survivors

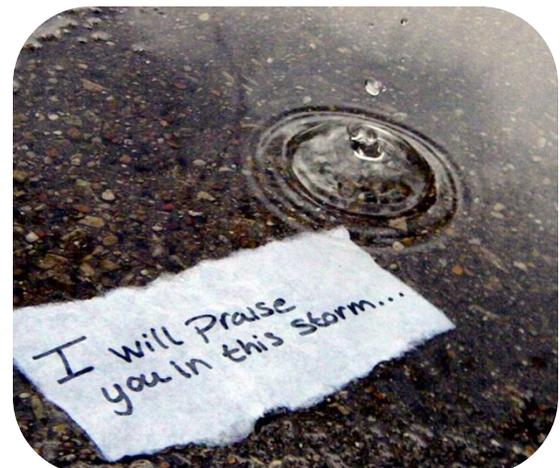
Grace Klein Community was excited to receive the call from one of our community members of an initiative that he and some others began for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The community volunteers will be handling all coordination of this special relief effort. We operate as a community fueled by the love and energy of its members and are excited to mobilize volunteers to care for those in distress. Every day, volunteers of Grace Klein Community are mobilized to *love – serve – share... repeat*.

Grace Klein Community has partnered with Team Moxie, a local Birmingham team that has been providing strategic immediate relief to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Areas with the greatest need are always the first priority. [READ MORE](#)

Seeing God in the Storm – Hurricane Irma

"A storm doesn't necessarily mean rain, thunder, lightning, etc. It can be a storm of emotions when facing a cancer diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, the end of a marriage. Storms leave us feeling like we have been pelted with hail from all directions, like we can't breathe because the wind has been knocked out of us. Yet, consider these words in Isaiah 43:2: **"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."**

As I write I am currently going through my own personal "mini" storm as well as walking this storm called Hurricane Irma with my brother Tab, and his family. A storm that was a real storm now becomes an emotional storm. Like many, they lost everything in their apartment after a minimum of knee-high water soaked and contaminated everything they owned (except for the few things they evacuated with). [READ MORE](#)



Global Efforts

Word from Yo 'Mama Beka'

"It is still hard at times to even believe that I am here in beautiful Zambia.

I have spent the last 3 weeks teaching preschool at Highlands Creative Academy. There are some things that are different here with the culture and it was hard to adjust at first. However, with young children some things are always the same. They all want love and attention and they want to be silly and just be kids. This week has been the best as I was really able to connect with 2 boys that have been stand offish since I have been here. I am blessed with a great bunch of kids and I enjoy teaching them."

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"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain..." – Hebrews 6:19

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.



Need a Dose of Good – Hearted Sarcasm?

A couple of months ago we wrote about one of our dear community members, [Annie Stewart](#)... the woman who apparently has a child growing on her back...wink, wink. Annie introduced one of her friends, Oswin, to Grace Klein Community earlier this year. Every time you see Annie serving onsite at the Grace Klein Community office, or out in the community, you will most likely see Oswin.

Oswin loves to fold clothes! It's like her super power! That's not all though...Oswin builds boxes like a champ, unloads trucks, sorts food and doesn't mind getting her hands dirty. She is always willing to help wherever the greatest need. When you need to see people or circumstances in a positive light, we'll call Oswin and set up a time for you to meet at the Grace Klein Community office. Move over anxiety pills, here comes Oswin! [READ MORE](#)

Mother Hen

You know the kind of woman that makes you think of a mother hen? Not in a fussy or irritating way, but you know the kind, that Mother Hen that makes you feel like she has pulled you up under her feathers to keep you close, to give you an extra cuddle and to make sure you feel safe and loved. That's our Keisha! She's always caring for everyone else, every kid is her kid, and she holds the family together. Lakeisha Greene is our Momma hen. Her life revolves around caring for others. She takes her mom to dialysis three days a week. She cares for nieces and nephews. She loves her family and is always talking about them.

When Lakeisha comes to GKC to pick up food for the many people she feels called to serve, she stays and works up a sweat! She will unload heavy boxes, sort food, find room in the refrigerators, like a Tetris champ, help other people who are collecting food to share, and doesn't leave until the job is done! Her sweet Momma tags along after enduring dialysis. She grabs a chair or a stair to sit on and watches her baby work. It must make her proud to see her daughter do all that work for other people.

DID YOU KNOW??? Lakeisha takes food to her mom's dialysis appointments and shares food with families in the waiting room! Lakeisha is constantly thinking about others and what their needs might be. [READ MORE](#)





Community Yard Sale

Are you an early morning riser with a love for shopping? Well, look no further! Grace Klein Community friends will be hosting a yard sale this month benefiting ministry partner, Kwathu Children's Home. Let's show our love and support!

Date: October 7, 2017: 7am – 2pm

Location: 2328 Deerwood Road, Hoover, AL 35216

Unable to make it but would still love to support [Kwathu Children's Home](#)??? [CLICK HERE](#) to give financially to love on an orphaned and vulnerable child in Zambia. Your contribution assists with the provision of shelter, education, clothing and food, all provided within a loving, safe and stable home environment.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Helpline Christian Outreach

Many community members continue to faithfully give from their overflow to love on others around them, and because of your efforts, Grace Klein Community blessed Helpline Christian Outreach with clothing this month through items donated to the Give and Take Room.

Kelly (featured in picture below) is serving in an amazing way, meeting needs in her community with food and clothing.



THANK YOU to the 114 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

TechBridge Alabama Dream Big Grant

Grace Klein Community was selected as 1 of 7 winners to receive \$6,000.00 in IT services from the TechBridge Alabama Dream Big Grant, which includes a full technology evaluation and roadmap, along with the software, training, and full implementation of Salesforce, a data tracking Software. Salesforce will allow us to better organize and maintain our volunteer, recipient, and business partner information.

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Clays for Community

On September 28th, Grace Klein Community held its second sporting clays fundraiser, Clays for Community, at the beautiful Selwood Farm.

Over \$14,000 was raised supporting local families in need through a combination of our corporate teams who participated in the Clays for Community event and a generous gift from Supreme Lending.

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THANK YOU to the 81 individuals and families as well as the 15 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Supreme Lending Birmingham gives back to better the community and foster camaraderie among our employees. When we serve together it strengthens our relationship with each other and makes our community stronger. We chose Grace Klein Community because their values, mission and core beliefs align with Supremes' culture. We both desire to help those in urgent need here in Birmingham and surrounding areas. Our desire is to continue to partner and serve with Grace Klein Community for years to come."

– [Supreme Lending Birmingham](#)

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to Supreme Lending for their generous investment of \$10,000 to care for local families in need. Business Partners help make it possible for Grace Klein Community to provide food, clothing, and essential household items to aid individuals and families in need throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.



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