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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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CAN YOUR BUSINESS GET INVOLVED?

Gifts for the Forgotten

When considering gift giving and how the community should spend their giving dollars, we thought about people that are forgotten. What if we focus on them as we draw closer to the end of the year!?

Did you know most HIV/AIDS patients are totally rejected by humanity? What about the sanitation workers? Did you know that it takes hundreds of people to handle all the trash that is produced in Jefferson and Shelby counties? What about our food distribution kids?

Can your business get involved this year?

Blankets, toboggans, scarves, bibles, gloves, socks, underwear, soap, toilet paper, shampoo, feminine products, chap stick, crossword puzzles, candles, stationary, makeup, purses, Lego's, educational games, journals etc. are some Christmas gift ideas and ways we can overwhelm these folks with love.

Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for further information. [READ MORE](#)



MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS



On October 25, 2016, after unanimous votes from the Grace Klein Community board, we are pleased to announce our newest board members - Tim Linderman and Trey Horton!

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"And do not forget to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." - Hebrews 13:16



LOCAL EFFORTS

Doing God's Work

What ya doing on Mondays and Tuesdays? Volunteers, Liz and Adam, are off work on these days so they serve with Grace Klein Community by caring for people right where they live. They come help sort all the rescued food, and with permission they received from the local police, they set up a free stand to give a hand up and some Jesus encouragement to their neighbors.

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Do the Moon Squeeze

Community member, Evan Moon, continues to battle brain cancer. He is still working hard with physical therapy and we are nearing the last of the appointments approved by insurance. During the last few weeks Evan's mother has been attending all of the sessions and videotaping the movements so we can continue the work at home. His family and friends have been gathering necessary equipment and supplies to exercise at home. We are seeing progress on his left arm. He still has no feeling but is getting some movement. What a praise!

Evan's chemotherapy week was much better this time. He tolerated the drug well. His next round of treatment started on October 23rd, increased in dosage and should be the optimum dosage amount. Fatigue and loss of appetite symptoms are strongest the week following chemotherapy so this is the tough week. Crank up the prayers! [READ MORE](#)



GLOBAL EFFORTS

There's No Place Like Kwathu

"I was challenged to be bolder, fully surrendered, without hesitation, and no holding back to let God use me and complete His work in me. With lots of prayer and reading I was able to discern that God doesn't just want parts of me, He wants all of me and he wants me to go back to Africa and teach there for at least a year.

I had always felt called to go on overseas mission trips, but convinced myself short term trips were all God wanted from me. God used a short term trip to help me realize that He really does want me on long term trips to fully and completely rely on Him for everything."

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From Hinduism to Christianity

Every Monday is a secret treasure, waiting to be unwrapped of how God will surprise us this week. Maybe some homemade jam, a restored friendship, a child quoting scripture. You never know! The other Monday our surprise was India. Steven* from Pearls of Slum stopped by for a visit. He came early and prepared a delicious Indian meal for all attendees. The house smelled of curry chicken, chapati and chai. The sounds were laughter and excitement to try new things. Everyone shared the same disappointment when every pot was found empty, not a leftover morsel of all that yum.

The story of his conversion from Hinduism to Christianity... [READ MORE](#)



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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.



All to Jesus

We all met Sud when he came to our [annual camping weekend](#) years ago and have deepened that relationship with every passing year. He’s in love with Jesus and the joy that seeps out of this man makes anyone want to laugh, dance and go try something new. He’s the epitome of “if not, why not?” Cooking, hula-hooping and drumming are some of the crazy fun ways we experience our dear brother Sud. He’s easy – easy to love, easy to go with the flow, easy to share of adventures and struggles, easy to help move huge stacks of chairs or ready to sit around and sip chai. Easy when easy is healthy and good. [READ MORE](#)

The Hands

Caryl is vibrant, generous, a secret servant. She makes Grace Klein Community better by being the beautiful woman God has made her to be and sharing herself with all of us. Her contribution shows how our occupations, our talents and our time can make huge impact on a community of friends helping friends.

Caryl does what she can do with the time she has to give and her example shows us we can contribute in some way too with the time and gifts that Jesus has given us. We all have a little treasure inside of us that was made to be shared. [READ MORE](#)



Scooter to the Rescue

Did you know this guy is our Director of Ministry and Business Development for Grace Klein Community? Scott does not serve to receive the praise of man.

Scott Elliott serves with Grace Klein Community out of love and obedience to the Lord. Count the ways we are better for having Scott Elliott, aka Scooter, as our chief servant leader. [READ MORE](#)

Here Comes Christmas...

We have two months to gather Christmas gifts for the forgotten that will be distributed all over Birmingham, AL. Would your business, co-workers or small group sign up to help?

Meet some of the businesses that have already committed to help Grace Klein Community love on Birmingham... [READ MORE](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more details on ways you can get involved and contribute.



"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN OCTOBER

Bambelela Drum Circle

On October 8, 2016, GKC hosted their 2nd Drum Circle, incorporating various businesses, churches, non-profits, families & individuals, with the goal of uniting individuals, no matter their age, gender, race, or belief system. The drum circle provides a fun and unique opportunity to experience a new culture, while learning how to play a variety of drums, and other percussion instruments.

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A Visit to the Orchard

"...I made it clear to him that, thanks to Grace Klein Community, the fruits of his labors... and of his laborers...are not being wasted in Birmingham, Alabama."

Of course we want to know more of a volunteers little adventure of visiting a very special farm in in Virginia...

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Serve Day

On October 19, 2016, 15 Briarwood Jr. High Basketball Cheerleaders served at the GKC office with hearts open to give all they had, wherever the need. We are so thankful for the cheerleaders, who served so well in helping us prepare, and for making the load lighter for staff and volunteers during October's food delivery week.

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THANK YOU to the 33 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



THANK YOU to the 82 individuals and families as well as the 24 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

Thank You

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our Business Partners for their support. 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.

"From time to time, there are opportunities to be of service and working with Grace Klein Community was a great match for our company. With Jo Cooper's leadership we were able to serve and share with someone who endured a large loss. We are delighted that we could be there and respond to a community need. Thank you for allowing us to help."

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