

THE FULL NUMBER OF THOSE  
WHO BELIEVED WERE OF

*one heart & soul.*

Acts 4:32

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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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01/20/2017: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)

01/21/2017: [Food Delivery](#)

02/25/2017: [Ultimate Disc Tournament](#)

*Never Lose Hope.*

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

The Greatest Gift of All

"I shared of a need on the Grace Klein Community Facebook group, Acts 4:32, about my food delivery recipient needing assistance for Christmas for two of her Grandkids. Expectant to see what the Lord had in store, I posted their clothing sizes, needs and desires for Christmas. Within two short hours, an individual responded: "My bunko group would like to take care of the needs of these two babies." One hour later another individual responded: "Keep us posted on upcoming families, we're interested!" A day later, another individual: "We'd love to adopt a family!"

Child sponsorship and gift giving have never really been about the tangible gifts. There's a greater gift, and it is so beautiful seeing "it" being imparted through simple gift giving. The gift of hope. The gift of life. The gift of adoption. The gift of family. The gift of love. The gift of provision. Jesus. He is the true gift."

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## Givers Always Get

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

During the Christmas season, many community members came together to share the love of Christmas. Community members nominated children to be sponsored, others purchased gifts, even more wrapped, and others delivered... representing the full beauty of community celebrating Christmas. [READ](#) testimonials of the ways givers were blessed by their cheerful giving.

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa

## LOCAL EFFORTS

### Giving Eagerly

We all have something to give whether time, money, stuff, encouragement, resources, knowledge etc. Giving takes all of us.

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have." - 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)

Meet some of the businesses and churches that helped Grace Klein Community love on Birmingham during this holiday season through Christmas Gift Drives, Coat Drives, Thanksgiving/Holiday Drives, financial contributions etc. [READ MORE](#)



### December Food Delivery

This month, 41 groups of volunteers (married couples, small groups & individuals) delivered 233 food boxes to families in and around Birmingham. We are so thankful to donors who anonymously contributed towards hams and turkeys to bless folks during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

Our monthly food delivery ministry is a great way to get involved in the community of Birmingham, Alabama! We are in **URGENT NEED** of **VOLUNTEERS** for our monthly food delivery ministry. A number of families are currently on the waiting list to receive food boxes due to the shortage of delivery teams. Email [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com) for more information on how to get involved. [READ MORE](#)

### Why Grace Klein Community Matters To Me

"Every person wants to know they are loved and that they matter. Grace Klein Community strives to live out community as a verb, providing people a forum to share what they have so everyone has what they need. Different ways to share are as unique as all of the different people who are part of a healthy community... we can give and take time, resources, money, talents, encouragement, knowledge, work, listening, and on and on."

[READ](#) testimonies of how Grace Klein Community impacts the hearts of many from various walks of life.





## GLOBAL EFFORTS

### 12,000 Books... and a Few Extras

“... a container left the Grace Klein Community office on December 20, 2016, filled to capacity with 249 boxes of books, 12 boxes of games and puzzles, 23 boxes of computer equipment, 242 bags/boxes of clothing, 7 bags of baby items, one electronic keyboard, and 103 misc. boxes of musical instruments, toiletries, shoes, etc., thanks to the thousands of donors that participated in this Beat and Books project! One book at a time, one pair of shoes at a time, and one instrument at a time, we slowly reached our goal.

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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.

### Accumulating Riches

He trusts in the provision of Christ, working with all his heart, willing to lay down his own life, a picture of a life that exists to emulate Jesus. Meet one of our valuable community members, Brandon Burke, and praise the Lord that he is filled with Light that shines in the darkness. His children love God and love people. He is teaching them to serve, to share, to hold loosely to the things of this world. He is a rich man, accumulating wealth from the things of God – kindness, gentleness, humility, and love.

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### Mama Heart

We have many mamas in our community, precious, organized and “cannot give enough cuddles” mamas and in ways they mama all of us. One of our dear mamas is Nikki Armstrong. When she comes for muffins and pastries and cookies or for oranges, grapes, strawberries and bananas, she is preparing for all the neighborhood kids to come to her house after school. She will read them a Jesus story, play fun music, feed their bellies and listen to their little hearts.

We all need more mamas. They nurture, protect, encourage and remind us of what is true. They remind us of Jesus.

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### The Two Musketeers

Patricia Rolden and Robin Hunt are the two musketeers. They work together, pray together, cry together, serve together and (even with a GPS) sometimes get lost together. God allowed them to become friends when they were assigned to work a school bus together. If we had time to tell their stories, you would be amazed at how God chose them to end up on the same bus. Their stories are so similar and their hearts were crushed in the same way. They serve special needs students on their school bus, not only with transport from point A to point B, but with love, laughter and kindness.

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“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.” – Phil 4:19

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Another High Five to Pie Five

December 13, 2016

Thank you to Pie Five Pizza for hosting our annual Christmas Party / Gift Drive, and all those who came, donated gifts and enjoyed in the fun and fellowship. Many contributed gifts towards [Gifts for the Forgotten](#) and enjoyed in the festivities of \$5 Pie Five Pizza!

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Galleria Woods Gift Wrapping

December 14, 2016

For several years, the residents of the Galleria Woods Retirement Home have helped wrap the gifts. What a huge contribution they are to all of us. We are thankful for their enthusiasm, attention to detail, and the love they share in wrapping the gifts.

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Chubbathers Christmas Surprise

December 13, 2016

[Chubbathers](#) surprised Grace Klein Community with a gift of donated non-perishable food items in support of our monthly [food delivery ministry](#). Chubbathers gives customers a free drink for every 2 cans donated when dining at their restaurant in support of various organizations. Be sure to swing by and show them your support!



THANK YOU to the 100+ individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

*thank you*

THANK YOU to the 163 individuals and families as well as the 21 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!

“At [Reli Title](#), we feel fortunate to be able to assist our local community with homeownership. We also understand the need to assist with the basic, everyday needs of those less fortunate. This year we are very excited to partner with the Grace Klein Community for our annual coat drive. We are thankful for our excellent clients and employees who have been so generous in supporting the coat drive this year. We are also very thankful for the Grace Klein Community for all that they do in meeting those needs and positively impacting Birmingham, the surrounding communities and the entire world.”

