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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

No More Safety Pins ~ 9/8 - 9/10/2016

Grace Klein Community wants to care for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time or resources for another season. Clothing children for fall/winter does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker.

Shopping scenario: "Frazzled mama has no time for hangers, tags and safety pins. She participates in ["No More Safety Pins"](#) by bringing 50 excellent quality items and paying \$25 on a "drop off date." She trades in the 50 items to receive 50 new items on the shopping weekend. If she wants 20 more items, she pays in another \$25. Frazzled mama's friend comes with her without trading any items, so she pays \$25 for every 20 items she selects."

Trade Times:

September 8, 2016: 5pm - 9pm (Early Shoppers Only)

September 9, 2016: 10am - 6pm

September 10, 2016: 8am - 4pm

Let us know you're coming! [READ MORE](#) & [RSVP TODAY!](#)



Reckless Abandon



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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Clays for Community – Shoot...It's Almost Too Late

On September 22nd, Grace Klein Community will host Clays for Community, our first ever sporting clays fundraiser, at the beautiful [Selwood Farms](#). We need 25 volunteers for the upcoming event. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to get involved.

Your involvement enables Grace Klein Community to provide fresh produce, meats, breads, and staple goods that equal one weeks supply of grocery items to over 200 local families in need on a monthly basis.

[READ MORE](#) and [REGISTER TODAY](#) for the clay shoot!

“Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His Harvest.” – Matthew 9:38

LOCAL EFFORTS

Throw Our Staff a Life Preserver

Life is becoming a wild and crazy blur for the ministry staff of Grace Klein Community. Everything is growing faster than we could have hoped for or imagined and we need volunteers to help us accomplish more in our community and around the world. We need help to keep us from drowning with all the responsibilities that overflow from our plates.

[READ MORE](#) about all ways you can serve from the convenience of your own home. Most of all, we need you to pray. Pray for Jesus to move so mightily through our serving that people know Him in deep intimate ways.



We Need Your Shoes

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. The Owens family has been leading out the shoe drive as it will benefit their adoption. Read more of their story [HERE](#).

Can you help collect some shoes??? Can your kiddos decorate their wagon and help collect shoes in your neighborhood? Can your small group collect shoes? What about your church, kid's soccer club, your child's school classroom, your office?

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GLOBAL EFFORTS

Back By Popular Demand – Bamebelela Drum Circle

On October 8, 2016, Grace Klein Community will be hosting their 2nd Bi-Annual Drum Circle, incorporating various businesses, churches, non-profits, families and individuals, with the goal of uniting individuals, no matter their age, gender, race, or belief system.

Young or old, no matter your life's journey, ALL are welcome! Come have fun while learning how to play a variety of drums, and other percussion instruments, regardless of experience or ability. If you have your own drum or percussion instrument, bring it along!

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← RSVP!





Prayers and Love Stuffed in Every Bag

Our friend Deanna Newman came to our [Monday Night Prayer Gathering](#) to share about God's work in Haiti at the beginning of the summer. She mentioned the need for summer clothing and shoes for a shipping container that is headed to Haiti. Guess what is headed to Haiti from the Grace Klein Community office?!!

- 75 bags of adult clothing
- 27 bags of kid clothing
- 10 bags of adult shoes
- 2 bags kid shoes

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"Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man." – Psalm 66:5

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.

Oh Honey

Ms. Birdie is spunky and feisty. What you see is what you get. She says what she thinks and calls everyone "honey." "You are crazy, and so am I," is what she told a kid, looking for a lost book, as he almost climbed into a trash can. She laughed and showed him the easy way to check the trash. Then, she bypassed the elevator and took the steps back down to the kitchen to get back to work. Many wonder how she is so active at "her age" when all we need to do is observe a little and we can learn a lot. Little life lessons is what she passes along, in short little exchanges, where she leaves her mark, but will never get the credit. Isn't that the point of our existence, to share our lives willingly, never for any selfish gain, but to benefit the whole, for the Kingdom of God.

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Early Morning Amazing

Over the last year, David has provided countless designs for Grace Klein Community to use in promoting events and gatherings. He does excellent edits on his work and often the documents require no copy writing corrections. All his products are innovative, appealing and inviting. Grace Klein Community relies heavily on his design generosity and much of our promotional success is from [David Fallin Design](#). He demonstrates how God uses a volunteer's skill set to contribute specifically from our areas of expertise.

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Stop On By

Do you see that mama with a baby on her hip or the cute little girl that just smiled at you from her baby seat? Maybe you ate some of the watermelon she brought to share? Or helped her haul in buckets of tomato soup to stack on shelves? Maybe you helped her load some tomatoes to preserve? Or you ate her delicious Ukrainian soup? Maybe you held that sweet baby to give her a little break or set up a fan to keep that cuteness cool? You must know Anastasia Sudarsana!

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Box Truck Creates More Opportunities

Maybe you knew, or maybe you didn't, but Grace Klein Community needed a box truck. Transporting donations has always been a juggle of many volunteer vehicles, a loaned trailer we affectionately named "the goat trailer," other borrowed trucks and trailers, and a few donated vehicles. We made it work, but nothing about pickups and deliveries were really simple. The [Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham](#) gifted us with an amazing grant, allowing us to purchase a box truck. The box truck has opened up many new opportunities, including our ability to receive more rescued food.

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"I give thanks to my God for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Corinthians 1:4

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN AUGUST

Worship on WineRidge

On August 4, 2016, [The Hedgerow Folk](#), from Auburn, AL, came to Birmingham to lead our Worship on WineRidge. They took us into a sweet place of prayer and worship with Jesus, leading us in prayers, sharing the meanings behind songs and leading us in singing together, as worship to our Father.

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Backpacks for Kiddos

[Precision Chiropractic of Alabama](#) is a partner of Grace Klein Community and wanted to incorporate their patients in serving families in Birmingham. They brainstormed several ideas and then came to [Scott Elliott](#) and asked if they could do a backpack drive for Grace Klein Community.

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Family Fun Night

Mugshots and Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint hosted our Family Fun Nights this month.

The evenings were filled with fun, laughter, fellowship, and DJ Scooter dropping the beats! You just never know what to expect!

Be sure to [JOIN US](#) next time!



THANK YOU to the 28 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



THANK YOU to the 67 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

Thank You!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"At [D1](#) we love lifting weights and heavy things, but we believe that lifting up others in the community is one of the most important things you can do!! The GKC food drive gives our D1 Family the opportunity to help other families, and we are proud to be a part of it!"

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.

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

