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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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## UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT – Networking for a Cause

On Tuesday, June 27, 2017, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at Rojo Birmingham, from 5 PM – 9PM.

[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.

Networking for a Cause was created to help build community among local business professionals, providing information and opportunity to get involved with Grace Klein Community. The networking event unites several networking groups and sponsors to help fund the efforts of Grace Klein Community to provide food assistance to over 600 local families every month.

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

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Rojo, Birmingham: [2921 Highland Ave, Birmingham, AL 35205](#)







## Chow Down for the Children

On Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 5 PM till closing, the awesome folks at [Rojo Birmingham](#) will contribute 10% of their sales towards one of our global partners, [Kwathu Children's Home](#) in Livingstone, Zambia.

Merchandise from our BeMoreRandom Etsy store will also be available for purchase at the event in support of the home.

Please join us at ROJO for a delicious meal and drinks to show love to Kwathu Children's Home.

Let us know you're coming!



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

## LOCAL EFFORTS

### #50K50days

Hey Community Friends. If you've been to our office recently, you've probably noticed we're out of space. Food is replenished as soon as it leaves. A commercial freezer is coming soon, but we have nowhere to put it. Piles of clothes are everywhere because the donation room is overflowing. Let's make some elbow room... 50 days to find 50K. If 1,000 friends can give \$50, we can finish the addition on the back of our building. We're trading rent to add space. WOULD YOU be a part of a dynamic initiative? #50K50days

**DONATE TODAY**



## GLOBAL EFFORTS

### Making Connections in Belize

"Our family of four traveled to Belize in May knowing there's always something unexpected waiting there. We took some computer equipment to the small village of Bomba, far back in the jungle, hoping to give the people there, and specifically the school kids, access to information. Here in the US, we take for granted the amount of information we have access to on a constant basis. The kids in this village go home at night to a village with no internet, no computers, no extra books to help with their homework. They've only had power in their village for about a year and they are beyond excited about it. That gave us the opportunity to set up this mini-computer lab for them to use.

We spent some time teaching the teenagers how to use everything, how to fix basic problems that may come up, and asked for feedback on the types of information they want next time a team comes. They now have 5 laptops and a media server full of educational materials, music, pictures, and videos. A generous anonymous donor gave to help us purchase every bit of the equipment and we are extremely grateful."

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## Realization of a Dream – LXP, South Africa

"...When we saw the quantity and quality of the donated items, we were speechless and amazed by what God has done. Everyone was so ecstatic and all of a sudden, we became so energetic that the enormous semi-truck did not intimidate us. In jubilant moves, we offloaded the truck singing songs of praise. Nothing could dishearten us in those few hours. Our joy was stronger than any other emotion.

We are humbled by grace so sufficient – unmerited favor shown by our Grace Klein Community. You have given so much and yet you continue to give more."

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## Way to Serve

Wanting to use your time in a meaningful way? Make new friends? Share love with strangers? Come join Grace Klein Community!! Every week we need approximately 100 volunteers to accomplish the many ongoing projects we have going to share Christ's love in Birmingham and around the world.

If you want to serve outside our office, we can empower you with such things as flowers, desserts, fresh produce and bread for intentional **"Love Does"** around our city. Or maybe you need to be at home due to baby nap times, limited gas budgets or ailing parents and you would enjoy some random serving activities.

Email [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com) and we can share ideas of how you can serve in the comfort of your very own home. [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.

## So Very Happy

When you meet Joy Hulse, you will feel the love of Jesus that she has down in her heart. Her name is the perfect description of what her life emulates. Maybe God led her parents to name her Joy because He knew she would embody the name so perfectly. He created her to be an image bearer of Christ, and He puts that joy, joy, joy down in our hearts.

One of the first times Joy came to GKC was to a Sunday Market. She stayed the entire time, considering all the food available to share, carefully packing care packages for families that needed encouragement, and listening to all the stories and laughter around her. She must have left with a van load, ready to dispense joy with a box of bananas, some fresh bagels, and shredded carrots.

When we meet these Joy-filled members of our community, consider the road they have walked, ask their stories and listen for their pain. Often our easy doesn't purify and refine us, but oh that hard can make us beautiful, filling us up with His immeasurable joy.

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## Hey Suga'

Have you ever shared a car for an extended period of time? If so, you've found yourself "stranded" in one place while waiting for the person using the car to return. Often that waiting can leave you frustrated, lonely or isolated, maybe even mad at times. Shannon Trammell may have felt all these things, one time or another, but her prevailing attitude seems to say she doesn't believe she's "stranded," she believes she is free.

Shannon Trammell uses her freedom to be at home for the day, to serve others with her cooking skills, her texting encouragement, phone calls, and inviting friends over to share her space. She is mama of the Grace Klein Community house, nurturing everyone that lives there, keeping the space clean and the fridge full of delicious cuisine, all while sharing a listening ear and a beautiful smile.

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## Update on the Burke Family Adoption

"I'm a school bus driver, adjunct community college professor, homeschool mom, private tutor, co-op director and instructor, and part-time graphic design in the wedding album industry. I tried to get a 7th part time job teaching English as a second language online, but I did not get it. :( Brandon already works full time as a business analyst for Infinity, but he's also just started a restaurant job cooking in the kitchen at Applebees three nights a week. We are working as hard as we possibly can to bring our girl home!" – Eleanna Burke

The Burke Family are praying for the miracle of \$4,000 before the end of June. Will you pray alongside them? [READ MORE](#)



"For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." – Psalm 100:5

## HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

### GKC Ladies Brunch

**May 5, 2017**

"The ladies fellowship brunch was an amazing experience. There were ladies from all walks of life with different stories who shared. We laughed so hard, we cried. Grace Klein Community is such a blessing. I look forward to serving, laughing and sharing with more GKC ladies." - Shannon Trammell

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### Bambelela Drum Circle

**May 6, 2017**

6 Business Sponsors, 36 volunteers, 3 Ministry Partners, 3 professional hula-hoopers, a "Day of Beauty" contest, 100+ first entry party favors, face painting by [Pinky Fancy Faces](#), kids creating instruments, 75+ cake walk giveaways, corn hole, djembe drum raffle, food, a surprise donut feast, and 150 friends jamming to the beat culminated into an awesome evening.

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### Tarrant Elementary Field Day

**May 19, 2017**

Grace Klein Community volunteers assisted Coach Julie Levan with Field Day at Tarrant Elementary School.

The kids jumped hurdles, danced with ribbons, played soccer, rocked the tee-ball, showed off their skills on the hula hoops, ran 60 meter relays and got soaked during the water sports. How fun! The day was filled with sunshine, laughter, hugs, high fives and tons of smiles.

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**THANK YOU** to the 162 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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**THANK YOU** to the 97 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

## **MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS**

"[Purpose Place](#) is beyond grateful for our partnership with Grace Klein Community. Not only have they shared donations and resources to help us as a store; they have shared encouragement, love, and passion for our purpose as well! We believe that everyone was created to be valuable in the eyes of our Father and all play an important role in the Kingdom. Thank you Grace Klein Community for supporting us as we create an environment that fosters this belief in our special needs community!"

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.

