

Hello dear friends!

This month I want to take a break from giving tips and tricks for fighting food insecurity and reducing food waste and take an opportunity to gush about our volunteers. What we do at Grace Klein requires a lot of work from planning to networking to logistics to good, old fashioned physical labor. We would never be able to do what we do without help from the hundreds of volunteers that help us out on a regular basis. Whether it's the day to day volunteers who help us unload, sort through, and distribute food and clothing or the monthly volunteers who help us prepare, stage, and deliver food to over 200 families, we're immeasurably grateful for our volunteer friends.

These past few weeks I've felt particularly grateful for our volunteers for how they go above and beyond what we need or ask for. One weekend a community member had a refrigerator to donate to us. We quickly found someone who had a need for one, so we just needed to work out the details to pick it up from the donor's house and bring it to the person who needed it. This isn't the kind of thing we normally do but things worked out to where we could help out 2 people in a big way with one act so we went for it. To get this done I needed someone to help me haul the refrigerator to and from the truck. One of our amazing volunteers who helps us out at least 2 or 3 days a week agreed to join me on a Sunday afternoon to get it done. He even had to bring his kids along with him which wasn't very convenient for him but he really wanted to help out. The fridge turned out to be bigger than we expected so we had to take the doors off and use some "advanced techniques" on the fly to make things happen. Even though it took much more time and effort than either of us thought it would, he never once complained. He actually kept my spirits up with his great attitude and we had a lot of fun working together in the Alabama heat.

Sometimes our volunteer friends will even bring us lunch and/or make delicious raspberry limeade for us to enjoy and it always warms our hearts that people would be so sweet to us. If you're reading this and you're a volunteer at Grace Klein Community I want to tell you that we appreciate you more than you know. No matter how much or how little you pitch in, every second, every drop of sweat, and every kind word is valuable to us as a community on a mission. I'm honored to work alongside some of the most amazing people in the world!

-Giorgio



How Can You Help?

I usually don't ask specifically for donations in my letters, but I'm asking this time. We're growing and with growth comes more responsibility and costs.

Please consider giving to Grace Klein Community. A one-time donation is awesome! A monthly commitment is amazing. Thank you!

Donations can be given online through gracekleincommunity.com/donate
OR

check donations can be mailed to:

Grace Klein Community,
1678 Montgomery Hwy #104, Birmingham, AL 35216.
Include "Giorgio" in memo.