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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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## **EVENT HIGHLIGHT**

### **Networking for a Cause – March 20, 2018**

On March 20, 2018, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly [Networking for a Cause](#) event at [Vecchia Pizzeria & Mercato](#).

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 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.

Admission is free.

**Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

**Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Let us know you are coming!**

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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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## **Bambelela Drum Circle – April 28, 2018**

SAVE THE DATE! Come have fun while learning how to play a variety of drums and other percussion instruments regardless of your musical ability. ALL are welcome!

Drums, rhythm, food, sweet treats, FREEBIES and... LOADS OF DOOR PRIZES!

Date: April 28, 2018

Time: 5pm – 8pm

Location: [The Church at Brook Hills](#) – Student Building

All proceeds benefit [Kwathu Children's Home](#), a global partner organization of Grace Klein Community. [READ MORE](#)

“Jesus looked at them and said: ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” – Matthew 19:26

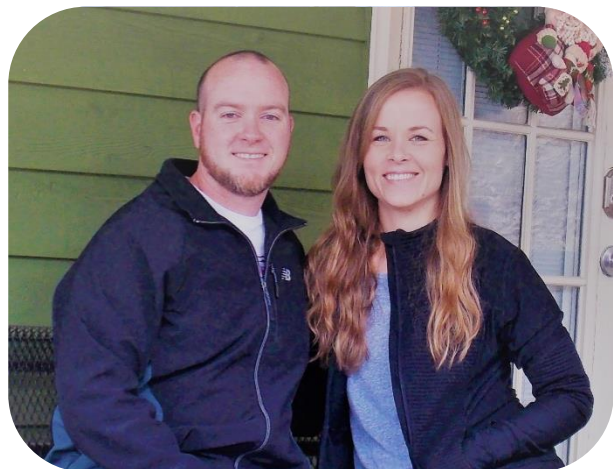
## **Local Efforts**

### **Hosanna is Home!**

GKC Family, we are back from our month in India and we brought precious little Hosanna home with us! The biggest miracle was seeing this scared little girl begin to come alive and happy when given love and nurture. She cried and grieved to leave the orphanage, but then she clung to new mommy and began to enjoy receiving love. She ate and slept fairly well, just like any other 3 year old. She really enjoyed when we took her to the zoo. She loved being taken shopping and we bought her plenty of clothes, shoes, hairbows, toys, etc.

We were told in her medical report that her special need was that she had severe hearing loss and was non-verbal. Almost as soon as we took custody of her, we realized that was not true.

We somehow, miraculously, got a healthy, intelligent, energetic little girl. It shouldn't be possible. Only God. [READ MORE](#)



## **Barthelemy Adoption Shoe Drive**

[Grace Klein Community](#) is hosting a SHOE DRIVE in support of the Barthelemy Family Adoption... and WE NEED YOU. Consider donating those shoes you haven't worn in a year, the pairs that your kiddos have outgrown, or you can even be CRAZY and give your favorite!

The shoes will bless people all over the world, empowering micro enterprise business programs in Haiti and other third world countries through Funds2Orgs, and the Barthelemy's will receive funds for their adoption. Sounds like an awesome win-win for everybody!!

**Drop off location:** Grace Klein Community office: 2652 Old Rocky Ridge Rd 35216

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## **Red Beans and Rice – Christ City Church**

Grace Klein Community loves Christ City Church in Lipscomb, AL. We are so thankful that the Lord allowed our paths to cross and we are so excited to connect our communities.

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Lipscomb City Hall, Christ City Church sets up food tables in the parking lot from 3 PM - 5 PM, as kids are getting out of school and parents are getting off work. They serve approximately 100 families with Red Beans and Rice. In each brown bag families receive about 3 lbs. of rice, and 3 lbs. of red beans, with an onion and a chicken bouillon cube and anything else that has been donated by their church family. Grace Klein Community will be donating fresh bread along with anything else the Lord provides that we might share.

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## Global Efforts

### Change Jar Challenge – Kwathu Ministries

Have you ever wondered just how much change is lying around your house? I know I have! Sometimes I'll find it between the couch cushions, lying on the table with my keys, or in the dryer after I accidentally leave it in my pocket when I wash my clothes. So much change accumulated, left lying around, or forgotten... Have you ever imagined what a difference that change could make?

One sweet couple saw their leftover quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, and decided to use it to make a change for the better through partnering with Kwathu Ministries. Last month, they donated their change to Grace Klein Community for school supplies for Kwathu Ministries. The total came out to \$79, going a long way towards providing school supplies for the children at Kwathu Children's Home. We CHALLENGE YOU to do the same! [READ MORE](#)

"For nothing is impossible with God." – Luke 1:37

„For nothing **BETTER TOGETHER**“ – Luke 1:37

**"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.

### Our Flower Child

We all need a little more carefree in our days, more flexibility, more willingness to surrender to our Father, more courage to trust with reckless abandonment, more absolute gratitude and more faith that anything is possible. Holly brings all these attributes to Grace Klein Community to make us better, to teach us, to guide us, to chill us, to be our flower child.

A common characteristic of Holly is laughter and tears. She feels so deeply, loving with her entire self, to the point that you always want her to be around because there is something so peaceful about her realness. When she listens, she is all there. Her phone does not distract her from the gift of presence. Give that lady a cup of coffee and it will be her simple delight. (Her husband does not prefer the smell of coffee so she chooses not to drink it at home. Isn't that lovely, so Jesus hippie. Others first, always.)



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### Our Brother from Another Mother

"A few months ago in October 2017 I received the strange news that a young man named Marcello from Brazil would be a new housemate of mine in the [Community House](#) for a few months. It was hard to imagine what life would be like with Marcello before I met him. Now that I've spent a few short months working, playing, and becoming friends with him it's even harder to imagine what it would be like to never have met him. The way he had to trust God and all of us people he barely knew to guide him through his American experience was very inspiring. He unwittingly strengthened my faith and was a living example of the power and value of community. Helping him understand things, get from place to place, go shopping, and learn about life in our culture was as much of a blessing to us as it was to him. He was blown away by the kindness and love of the people in our community and we're all glad we get to be a part of his life now." - [READ MORE](#)

## Embrace Grace

"I was 22 years old, single, almost finished with college, and 5 ½ months pregnant. My on-again, off-again boyfriend had just left for what I knew would be the last time. It was over. I sat on my parents' couch in the quickly-fading evening light and cried out to God. It wasn't a "help me, Lord" prayer. It was "I DON'T WANT TO DO IT THIS WAY!!! THIS IS SO UNFAIR!!!" Even now, I can hear my hoarse, tear-soaked voice screaming in an empty house. I was a Christian. I had asked God to make that relationship work. And there I sat. Alone. Angry. Completely unable to turn the tide of what my life was now. When Caleb was born in March, just shy of 4 months since my world changed, I glimpsed a pure picture of true grace and sweet mercy. Here was this beautiful, perfect being given to me...ME?! But God wasn't finished! [READ MORE](#)



"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" – Jeremiah 32:27

### HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

#### Liberty Crossings UMC

A BIG thank you to [Liberty Crossings UMC](#) for making 70 jugs of homemade laundry detergent to love on our monthly food delivery recipient families!

Did you know families that live hand to mouth, meaning pay check to pay check, struggle with basic needs such as laundry detergent? What a tangible way to love families in Birmingham!

Thankful for kids on mission!

#### Mercedes Marathon

What an honor to be the designated organization to pick up and receive the clothing discards shed by runners each year at the Mercedes Marathon!

A HUGE shout out to Guy Roemen with [Landmark Landscape Group](#), and Mr. Ziba Anderson, for the loan of the Polaris and Kubota equipment, [Middle Schoolers Unite of Birmingham](#) and ALL our awesome volunteers for your help!

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#### Crestway Baptist Ladies Brunch

On February 17, 2018, we shared how the Lord is teaching us to "Come to the Table" at [Crestway Baptist Church's](#) 3rd annual Ladies Fellowship Luncheon. Precious women encouraged our hearts to overflowing during our time together! Thank you so much for inviting [Grace Klein Community](#) and surprising [Kwathu Children's Home](#) with funds for Bibles!

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**THANK YOU** to the 68 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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**THANK YOU** to the 77 individuals and families as well as the 16 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

### MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"I am thankful for the opportunity to partner with [Grace Klein Community](#) because of the way they are meeting physical and spiritual needs throughout the Birmingham area."

- [Michael O'Neal, State Farm Insurance Agent](#)

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 throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.

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