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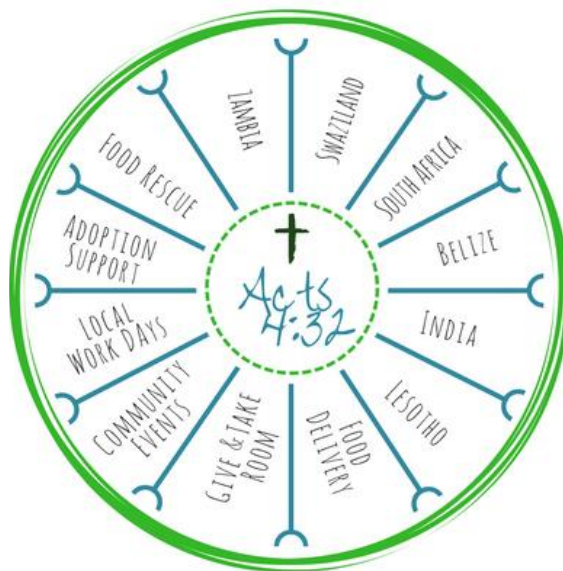
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OUR PURPOSE

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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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

No More Safety Pins: August 16 – 18, 2018

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:

August 16, 2018: 5pm – 9pm (Early Shoppers Only)

August 17, 2018: 10am – 6pm

August 18, 2018: 8am – 4pm

[SIGN UP](#) for a volunteer shift (minimum of 4 hours,) and be allowed to shop early on Thursday night, August 16, 2018.

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





Winn Dixie Food Drive

Rachael, our Marketing and Development guru for Grace Klein Community, Inc. spends time every day praying about who God wants us to meet and what meaningful relationships He has planned for us. One day, God impressed Rachael to go talk to Winn Dixie. After meetings and proposals, they generously approved to host canned food drives for Grace Klein Community. Our first Winn Dixie food drive will be at the Inverness Corners location, 500 Inverness Corners, Birmingham, AL 35242, on August 5th from 1pm – 5pm. We invite you to save your grocery shopping and come out to support Winn Dixie and also Grace Klein Community on a Sunday afternoon grocery run. Also, join Rachael in praying for who God wants us to meet and if you have any potential referrals for Rachael, please email rachael@gracekleincommunity.com

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.” – Psalm 119:90

Local Efforts

Momentum Statistics

Sometimes when we take a break to remember where we came from, we realize where we are going. As we prepared for a Board meeting, we came across some incredible stats that everyone should know.

The comparisons below will be the full 2017 statistics versus January-July 2018:

- 12 serve days to 30 serve days
- 1,659 Acts 4:32 members to 2,430 Acts 4:32 members
- 3,454 Facebook followers to 3,830 Facebook followers
- 810 Instagram followers to 932 Instagram followers
- 306 Twitter followers to 308 Twitter followers
- 463 Individual donors to 266 Individual donors
- 74 Business and Church Financial Partners to 40 Business and Church Financial Partners
- 15 Assistance Programs to 18 Assistance Programs
- 5,902 individuals received food each month through daily trade market/food delivery to 9,405 individuals are currently receiving food each month through daily trade market/food delivery
- 8 committed food donors to 14 committed food donors



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GKC Merch

Grace Klein Community has hundreds of talented people who share their gifts and abilities to be representatives of Christ here in the United States and around the world.

One of our Friday artist volunteers is Kim Parmley. She serves our community by sharing her artistic talents. She draws beautiful words of encouragement on food boxes that are delivered to families around our city. She has also helped us with signage and art work for special events.

AND now... she's drawn a beautiful design that will arrive in your mailbox as a postcard sometime soon. Post on your fridge or above your kitchen sink as an encouragement. Tuck it on your dashboard or tape to your bathroom mirror as a reminder of your value and the grand privilege of praying for one another.

Her design is also available on our new merchandise!! Order some Grace Klein Community swag TODAY: View our catalog [HERE](#).

If you are an artist and would like to submit other designs, please email to natalie@gracekleincommunity.com as we would love to grow our merchandise options.



Global Efforts

Pearls of Slum: "Spirit Lead Me Where My Trust is Without Borders."

"I greet you in the name of our loving Lord Jesus Christ. By God's grace, with your prayers and support, we have been doing well and God has been providing opportunities to preach and share the gospel and also start various ministry outreaches in the slum, Santhom colony.

Santhom Colony: We are thankful to The Lord for opening doors into Santhom Colony. The Lord has been so gracious. He has been guiding us and He has been protecting us, giving us wisdom and discernment to continue in this slum. The colony is suffering from many issues such as no homes, no toilets, some men are involved in crime, drug peddling, some women are involved in prostitution, some women send their teenage girls into prostitution, families struggle from financial debts, and many have no proper income on monthly basis, etc.

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BETTER TOGETHER

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"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.



Overflowing Into Our Laps

Our expansion project has been a test of faith, courage, trust, obedience and stick-to-itiveness. From our [50k50days](#) campaign to the journey of walking out the renovation as God sends the funds and the help, He has grown us. Oh y'all, He is continually growing us.

Generous donors gave which allowed us to purchase materials to build the extension, to wire it, to install electrical. Spec Building gave us the roofing materials at cost and new volunteers, a couple who recently moved to Birmingham, paid for those materials. Veteran's Roofing discounted their labor to install the roof.

The new room has an amazing HVAC system to keep the new space cool and that system was generously donated by Robbins Complete Services. If you ever need HVAC work, whether a tune up or a new unit, please send business to them. Their phone number is (205) 655-5030.

Norfolk Southern Railroad donated railroad ties that allowed us to build a retaining wall, making space for a safe rear circular driveway. Vulcan Materials is donating aggregate for the driveway. We still need to make more pickup runs from Vulcan Materials when time allows for the runs. A skilled bobcat operator came and worked on the driveway with the donated gravel that we have received from Vulcan. We are having some drainage issues that is impacting the stability and compaction of the aggregate and we will need to add some gutters to help organize the runoff. The corrected berm in the right side alley is also helping with water diversion as we receive all the runoff from the property above us.

Church of the Highlands selected us as an anchor project for their July 2018 serve day. Over 100 people came to our office and did amazing work, inside and out. They surprised us with flooring for the extension that was installed during the serve. Another skilled carpenter built a beautiful barn door that is stained and installed between the main room and the Give and Take Room. Other volunteers did some painting touch up and by the end of the day our Give and Take Room shelves were relocated and set up in the new room.

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City on a Hill

When everything rational and prudent collides with all things crazy and faith-filled...another community house is born. On July 27, 2018, Grace Klein Community closed on a property in Hoover, AL. We began work immediately on much needed repairs to restore this home for the vision God has given us.

What will this home be used for?

Worship and Prayer, Intentional Meals, Encouragement, Single Mama Support, Christian Life Coaching, Place of Respite etc. [READ MORE](#)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." – Matthew 5:14

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Western Supermarket Food Drive

A BIG thank you to [Western Supermarkets](#) and Boy Scout Troop 23 for hosting two incredible food drives benefiting recipients of our monthly Food Delivery ministry in 2018. The scouts gathered 97 bags of non-perishable food items this month and raised \$450 towards the cost of food boxes. Wow, GO GOD!

Food drives fill our shelves and allow us to increase the number of families we serve.

America's First Federal Credit Union

DID YOU KNOW??? Staff of America's First Federal Credit Union serve with Grace Klein Community, once a month, on the Friday before Food Delivery. They arrive at noon, after food boxes are prepared, make sure our recycling is in order, our shelves are cleaned, and all boxes are loaded in the truck to head to Asbury United Methodist Church for delivery the following morning. They even join in to help unload the boxes.

School Supply Drive

Grace Klein Community referred 90 single moms to one of our partner ministries, Church of the Highlands Grandview, in their efforts to love on moms and kids through school supplies. After the event, we received the overage and another 65 children have been served to date. We plan to share from our overflow at a community outreach hosted by Metro CME Church and other ministries in the Ensley area on August 4th.



THANK YOU to the 65 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 73 individuals and families as well as the 11 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"Trust begins with a firm foundation at [Timberline Inspections](#) and that being the basis of our organization, it only makes sense to partner with Grace Klein Community, Inc. Investing in families through food provision, emergency needs, and home safety are simple and effective ways to lay a firm foundation and build trust that leads to healthy, encouraging and life giving relationships. When we believe in one another our impact together, for the greater community, is unstoppable." – Mackay Barr

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.



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