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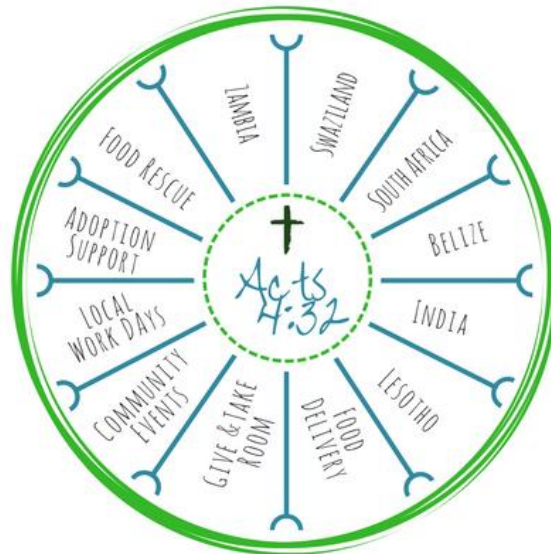
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OUR PURPOSE

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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02/10/2019: [Mercedes Marathon Discards Pickup](#)

02/22/2019: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)

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Event Highlight

Mercedes Marathon Clothing Discards Pickup

Grace Klein Community has been actively involved in the Mercedes Marathon discard pickup for over 9 years. We are the designated organization to collect the clothing and gloves that are shed by the runners involved in the marathon, and we need all hands on deck.

Date: February 10, 2019

Volunteer Meeting Time: Between 6:30 AM and 6:45 AM

Meeting Point: Still to be determined

To commit to volunteer: Email tracie@gracekleincommunity.com

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SAVE THE DATE: Networking for a Cause – March 4, 2019

On March 4, 2019, 5 PM – 8PM, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at [Moe's Original BBQ](#) (2250 Rocky Ridge Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243).

Networking for a Cause is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, 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.

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Local Efforts

When Operations Collide

We are nearing the end of a six month investment into the community home #2 renovation, day 186 to be exact. We have experienced buckets of rain, freezing cold temperatures, the grace of waiting on labor, material and financial donations, and the journey of trusting God for His timing and provision. Some days we are tired, exhausted from a full day of our real job, to go and pour into a project that is so much bigger than what we humanly have to give. But GOD.

He is continuing to stretch and grow our ability to ask for help and to trust what we cannot see. We are in the process of establishing a prayer team, a core leadership team, house routines, discussions with partner churches regarding hosting of worship nights, planning community meals and an open house, organization of household items, and sourcing of all the furnishings for the home. He is in every detail of this home, going before us on how He will use every bit of this home for His glory. [READ MORE](#)

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Mimic Moon Joy

We rang in the New Year with many friends at a delightful party hosted by the Crosby family! January has proven to be a busy beginning and Evan looks forward to the opportunities 2019 will bring. He is grateful for everyone’s support through prayers, food, visits, and contributions which continue to equip Evan to recover in body and spirit. His MRI results have been good so his MRI testing is now every three months instead of every two months! His speech has improved giving him the ability to share his story and scriptures everywhere he goes. Since the physical therapy ended, he has continued to improve his balance using water therapy and home exercise. His daily exercise routine is building strength, stamina and helping him return to his goal weight. His left side remains mostly paralyzed, including no use of his left arm.

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Global Efforts:

Pearls of Slum – 2018 Year End Review

Praise God for the year 2018 and for the opportunities that The Lord Jesus provided us to serve, teach and reach out to communities/individuals and our church teens. We always thank and praise God for your trust in us, kind support, encouragement and constant prayers.

Though we have not seen any baptisms yet, we have a couple of souls who accepted the Lord as their Savior and they have been in the process of learning and understanding discipleship. We are trusting that 2019 will be Harvest year and God willing and by God's grace, we will see baptisms and souls committing to the Kingdom. [READ MORE](#)





Don't Underestimate the Missionary Kid: 5 things I see everyday

“More than half of my students are MKs. Cool, right!? Absolutely. But in my mind, I can't afford to put them or their parents on a pedestal. (Reality check: we're ALL on mission to fulfill the Great Commission.) Yet I am honored to be around such families. Parents who chose to leave the comforts of their home countries and cultures because they believe in the saving love of a God who lives and acts beyond borders. Parents who translate the Bible, meet with the poor, minister to the rejected, run into war zones, feed the hungry, pray for the sick, build churches and orphanages and schools. The parents I meet are stellar. But their kids are my treasure.” – Caitlin Woodward

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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.



Hidden Treasure

“Have you ever wished that you had something or had a need for something that just showed up on its own? We all know that God knows about all our needs and wants and provides for those according to His will, but sometimes He sends someone like Taney Brazeal.

Taney has only been volunteering with us for a few months, but he undoubtedly shows up with the exact thing we just prayed for and at the exact right time! His quiet presence has become something we look forward to each week and he clearly has his ear turned to the Father's heart when it comes to the needs of Grace Klein Community. He has been an enormous help with the accumulation of Christmas toys, the packing and unpacking of them, even bringing boxes from his own house, to the distributing and delivering of those toys and our monthly food delivery. It has been a wonderful sight to see God work in this man's life and tug on his heart strings a little each day to bring him from a once a month visit to becoming a regular weekly volunteer.

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Servanthood

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love and in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

If there ever was a verse that exemplified Jalen Mosely, this is it. This young man is one of our regular afternoon volunteers and believe it or not, he is still in high school! Jalen is always smiling or laughing and will tell you himself that one of the things he loves the most about Grace Klein is that “whether they are new to GKC or come regularly, everybody leaves with a smile on their face.” He also says that “GKC not only opened his eyes to people in need, but it also gave him the opportunity to get involved with a community that really cares about each other.” On any given day, Jalen can be found breaking down boxes, sorting cans... or what brings a smile to his face the quickest, helping someone to their car with their food.

I asked Jalen what he's learned the most during his time here at Grace Klein and he said, “well, when I first came to GKC, I thought that you didn't have much help. But the more I came, the more I saw that there were more and more people that would come and pitch in. It was amazing to me to see how God brings people together to help each other out.

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What Are You Doing For Others?

In 2018, Grace Klein Community hosted 36 serve teams that provided invaluable support and volunteer work force to our day-to-day operations. Without 100 volunteers EVERY week, GKC cannot operate effectively. As we enter 2019, we are trusting for 52 serve teams, to average one a week, to keep us energized and operating smoothly. For January 2019, we are off to an excellent start with 5 incredible groups of people, 7 serve sites, and over 160 people represented. Consider something incredible - these numbers do not include the 59 volunteers who retrieve rescued food every day of the week, the teams who host Sunday Trade Market, or the individuals who SHOW UP throughout the week to lend a hand. We are an army for Jesus! [READ MORE](#)

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” – Martin Luther King Jr.

Speed Networking for a Cause

Timberline Inspections led Grace Klein Community's first speed networking event, kicking off the New Year... and man, was it a success!

Thanks to Erin Holtz, we shared a beautiful space at [Pure Fitness](#) to meet and greet dozens of local entrepreneurs and key business figures. The event began early in the morning, and [Chick-fil-a The Grove](#) generously donated chicken biscuits!

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Holiday Inn Surprise Donation

When Holiday Inn 150 Hoover decided to upgrade 300 pillows and 150 sets of linens, they chose to bless families instead of allowing the items to deteriorate in the landfill.

We are honored they chose to go green and bless families of Grace Klein Community. Approximately half of our Food Delivery recipients received awesome sheet sets and pillows this month!

Shannon Trotter State Farm Insurance Give Back

This year, State Farm Insurance has pledged to give back to the community through local non-profit organizations.

Grace Klein Community was selected as the charity of choice, for January 2019, by State Farm Insurance Agent, Shannon Trotter.

We appreciate your continued love and support Shannon!



THANK YOU to the 93 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 88 individuals and families as well as the 6 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"[BumperNets](#) is all about family fun. We had a great time providing fun for all who attended Grace Klein's Community's Networking for a Cause event in October 2018. We enjoy working with Grace Klein and share the same belief in family values and creating a positive community for everyone."



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.