

be still AND KNOW That I AM GOD

psalm 46:10



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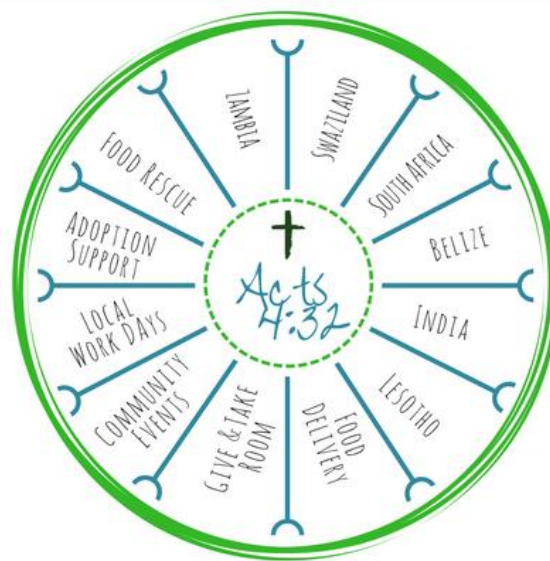
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OUR PURPOSE

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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- 06/21/2019: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- 06/22/2019: [Monthly Food Delivery](#)
- 07/16/2019: [Networking for a Cause](#)

Event Highlight - Networking for a Cause

On July 16, 2019, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at Embassy Suites in Hoover.

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.

Please join us for an evening of networking, speed networking from 7 pm - 8 pm, free appetizers, door prizes and a silent auction.

Admission is FREE! Donate a canned good or bring a door prize!

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Embassy Suites, 2960 John Hawkins Parkway, Hoover, AL 35244

If you are interested in attending or donating a door prize or silent auction item, please contact Rachael Cannon via 777-8455 or rachael@gracekleincommunity.org





No More Safety Pins

Grace Klein Community, in partnership with Liberty Church, will be hosting our 4th annual No More Safety Pins event benefitting the Food Deliver Outreach Program of Grace Klein Community. No More Safety Pins is a clothing trade event for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time for sorting, tagging, and safety pins. Clothing children for the next season does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker. Help us serve and unite families in Birmingham.

Trade Days:

August 2, 2019: 10 AM – 3 PM (Early Shoppers Only)

August 2, 2019: 5 PM – 9 PM

August 3, 2019: 8 AM – 4 PM

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Local Efforts

School Supply Drive

The children of Kwathu Children's Home are praying for school supplies!! Grace Klein Community could use your help collecting these specific items for the children: Pencils, pens, coloring pencils, rulers, erasers, scissors, glue stick, liquid glue, staples, & paperclips, etc. If you are unable to donate, we ask that you join us in prayer that the needs of the Kwathu Children's Home will be met!

The drop off location for the school supplies is our main office: 2652 Old Rocky Ridge Road Hoover, AL 35216. Please contact natalie@gracekleincommunity.com with any questions.

To contribute financially towards the purchase of school supplies and shipping costs:

Check donations can be mailed to: Grace Klein Community, 1678 Montgomery Hwy #104, Birmingham, AL 35216 (Please include “Kwathu Children’s Home” in the memo line)

Online donations: www.gracekleincommunity.com/donate



Tarrant Elementary School Field Day 2019

"We had such a blast serving at Tarrant Elementary School's Field Day on Friday, May 17, 2019! Activities included water games, relays, and tons of fun for the kids to enjoy. We were able to connect with the P.E. Coach at the elementary school, and she has served with Grace Klein Community for 10 years!! Now we have been able to give back to her and help with their field day for the past several years. What an awesome story that God has orchestrated, full circle, so that we could serve Julie Levan as she faithfully serves with Grace Klein." – Steeley Martin, Grace Klein Community Intern

For Others Through Christ

We Sew Love, a ministry of Grace Klein Community, enjoyed a special weekend on May 18 and May 19, 2019, with a Meet and Greet at Huffman Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon and a Preview Day at Liberty Church on Sunday afternoon. Volunteers of We Sew Love upcycle donated clothing into beautiful, useful items for babies and children as well as a variety of items needed to assist missionaries as they GO INTO THE WORLD.

Our ministry partner Agrippa Phiri of Kwathu Children’s Home, during his first visit in the United States, was honored to speak at both gatherings. He shared how the We Sew Love upcycled shorts, dresses and women’s menstruation kits have positively impacted the ministry efforts of Kwathu Children’s Home in Zambia. Not only do the children of the home benefit from the clothing items, but they also are able to teach girl’s hygiene classes and serve vulnerable mamas and children in the community. [READ MORE](#)





Global Efforts

Welcome to Communal Living

"We are coming to the end of the school year here in Dakar, Senegal. I'm already anticipating a new and better year come August. I look forward to more growth and change and development, yet, am still grateful for each teachable moment that brought me this far.

Jumping into full time mission work comes with a lot of expectations and adjustments. Even when you think you've "done it before"... you'll still be refined. You'll still be sharpened by the iron of others around you. Welcome to communal living... here are a few of my moments..." [READ MORE](#)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." – Psalm 119:105

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.

Sweetness

"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."
– Proverbs 16:24



Sweetness. The word that immediately comes to my mind when I think of Joanna Hatfield is sweetness. Joanna is one of our volunteers that have what we lovingly call "dual citizenship." You see, we share Joanna with another ministry that partners with Grace Klein. She volunteers with a sewing ministry that makes beautiful garments out of our dirty rags, kind of like the Father does with us. But Joanna just does not stop there. She volunteers here at GKC as often as she can and as often as we ask her to help. She is as steadfast and reliable as they come.

When Joanna walks in the door she brings with her this air of kindness and gentleness that cannot go unnoticed. She's quiet yet commanding in her presence and has come to be a vital part of what we do here at Grace Klein. There are many days that we call upon her to either open the door in the morning or cover the fort when one or more of us must run out or be somewhere else. [READ MORE](#)

World Changer

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Meet Lori Worford. Lori is one of those people that I would easily put into the category of "World Changer." Lori is not famous, she does not own a business or even hold a fancy title by the world's standards, but she is changing the world none-the-less. How is she doing that, you might ask? Quite simply, by making a difference for one person at a time. And what a difference that is. Despite being one of our most visible volunteers, being here each day serving in the give and take room, she serves in a ministry that makes mats for the homeless.

These aren't just any mats. These mats are handmade, one by one, by painstakingly braiding together hundreds of plastic shopping bags. You know those annoying plastic Walmart bags that takeover your cabinets by the thousands? Yes, those bags and countless others just like them, are braided together into something of purpose. We have a saying here at Grace Klein that "nothing is wasted" and Lori Worford is helping us make that a reality. [READ MORE](#)





Meet Our Newest Intern, Steeley Martin!

“Just as Jeremiah had faced times during his life when he felt the weight of every reason to lose his faith in God, but instead chose to stand firm, I can relate to his journey. I grew up in a single-parent household with my brother and sister, and we did not always have much. I learned quickly that my faith in God would be the only thing that would sustain me. Despite my imperfect life, the daily encounters I have with Jesus are more than enough to help me persevere. Much like Jeremiah, His word and love are like a FIRE in my bones, and I cannot contain it! I was first introduced to ministry through my youth group at Liberty Church. My youth pastor, Jeff Allison, focused on giving us opportunities to serve others around us, whether that looked like praying for strangers in Walmart or extending our hands to serve others physically. My experience at Liberty instilled a desire in me to live my life in a way that serves others. [READ MORE](#)

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” – John 1:5

Excelsior Homeschool Donation

Homeschool mamas are known for curriculum sharing. Excelsior has generously shared their overage school books with us for many years. We are saving this haul for our upcoming No More Safety Pins event in August. We thank you Excelsior for demonstrating the simple, but profound lifestyle of allowing your plenty to meet our need so that in turn our plenty will meet another’s need.

Double Oak Community Church

One of the small groups at Double Oak Community Church have committed to collect food for us every single month. For their first collection, they decided on an assortment, but moving forward they plan to focus on collecting one specific item each month. Pray the item they select for June is on sale and enables them to share in abundance. If your group wants to collect for us this month, consider peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, canned meat, rice, beans, toilet paper or protein bars.

Finance of America Cares

Grace Klein Community LOVE’s [Finance of America Cares!!](#) One of our volunteer mamas got creative with her kids to make these signs for food delivery as our thank you. From all of us at GKC, thank you for the \$1,000 grant for our food delivery outreach. We feed families because of cool people, like you, who CARE.

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THANK YOU to the 81 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 13 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

“We are excited to assist Grace Klein Community in their mission to help others through the trials of life.

It is written in [Luke 6:38](#): “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

We are blessed to have achieved the accomplishments we have and it would not be proper if we did not share that with others. May our small assistance be made into a great opportunity for someone struggling through life and may they see that only through faith in the Lord will they prevail.” – Shane Caton, Franchise Owner

