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Grace Klein Community Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

#### Bambelela Drum Circle

On October 8, 2016, Grace Klein Community will be hosting their 2nd Bi-Annual Drum Circle, incorporating various businesses, churches, non-profits, families and individuals, with the goal of uniting individuals, no matter their age, gender, race, or belief system.

Young or old, no matter your life's journey, ALL are welcome! Come have fun while learning how to play a variety of drums, and other percussion instruments, regardless of experience or ability. If you have your own drum or percussion instrument, bring it along!

Date: October 8, 2016

Time: 11am - 5pm

Location: [A4One](#), 450 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Birmingham, AL 35205

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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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RSVP!



## We Love India

Scott and Todd are back from their trip to India and they are ready to share what they learned! Please come to 2328 Deerwood Rd, Hoover, AL 35216 on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 6pm. Plan to enjoy dinner, stories and worship. If you can, bring a dish or take out, from your favorite Indian restaurant, to share with everyone.

Bring a friend!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10:23

## LOCAL EFFORTS - Do you Write?

Since 2009, Grace Klein Community has been serving the Greater Birmingham area through our monthly food delivery. Our September food delivery actually marked our 7 year anniversary of monthly food delivery. Wow, who knows how many people those weekends have impacted between the volunteers and the families that receive assistance? Food delivery encompasses a variety of steps and many people have no idea what has to happen *to make it happen* every single month.

Did you know food delivery requires volunteers who will write, who will be vulnerable to share their stories, who will share what they are learning and speak truth. If you enjoy writing and would like to share your gift, please email your proposed letter to [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com). We would love for more volunteers to get involved in sharing what you are learning... [READ MORE](#)



## Carry On, Love Warrior

Sharing rescued food is pretty amazing. As more families get involved and learn how to love their neighbors, more food comes. We feel "in over our heads," but volunteers keep showing up and honestly we cannot capture all the amazing stories of what God is doing with the food we "rescue" from a dismal landfill fate.

When a volunteer drives the box truck to our donor to pick up a full truck load of food, they start praying someone will come to the office and help unload, sort and distribute. The volume of work is almost indescribable. And that work demands an army. Last week, about 40 volunteers made the share possible.

We all need to read more stories, to be encouraged by our community friends and maybe get a friendly nudge to get out there and love somebody! So grab a cup of coffee and read some stories of [Why the GKC Market Matters...](#) [READ MORE](#)



## In Less Than Five Hours

On September 3, 2016, one of our community members, Paul Dopson, and his family, lost his mom and all his worldly possessions from a house fire. Devastated and heartbroken seem inadequate words to describe how he sounded when he called to share the news. He remains confident in the faithfulness of Christ in spite of his worldly circumstances. Since Paul has returned to work, the love, prayers and generosity continue. Through financial giving, Grace Klein Community has been able to help with some personal expenses and [Riverchase Flooring](#) graciously donated carpet for the new place he and his family are now calling home. God has provided every single thing that they need! Every single thing! [READ MORE](#)







## GLOBAL EFFORTS - Our Father's Faithfulness

A few weeks ago, [Scott Elliot](#) and I (Todd) were in India in support of Grace Klein Community's global partner, [Madhuri's Mission](#). The week-long journey took us to sites where our partners are involved in church planting and care for the poor.

Thanks to the many of you who prayed, who gave, and who joined with us in this effort! We saw the evidence of God's faithfulness, and we can't wait to see what He has in store for the coming year.

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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.

### Extroverted Extrovert

Have you ever met an extroverted extrovert? We have a few of these "live big" people in our community and each of them bring energy, enthusiasm, love and laughter. One of our lovely ladies is our own Samantha Ferguson. She makes us better! Some of our favorite memories of Samantha are that time she set up the funny photo booth at one of our community nights, the day she ate a mopani worm at the open market, the day she helped host an amazing Zambia open house with fancy foods, the time she prayed and spoke truth over a struggling friend, the late night game night where she laughed so hard I promise she snorted... [READ MORE](#)



### Connector of Commonalities

Some people are connectors. God makes them to live so intentionally that they notice everyone around them and they can easily connect. They see the commonalities they share (with every person in the world!!) and they can go to those places within seconds of hello. One of our Grace Klein Community connectors is Monica McClendon. She's magnetic, her life draws people to her and she instantly becomes your family.

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### The Tall Lady

How has it only been two months since she first came to serve with Grace Klein Community? It seems like she's been around forever, scrubbing down fridges, mopping the floor and sorting the strawberries. The GKC Trade Market requires a LOT of helping hands to make it possible and to keep it running efficiently. Sheralee Tompkins is a vital spoke of that wheel. Sheralee loves people and loves Jesus more. She is bold to share what God is teaching her and to jump in to serve Him through the GKC Trade Market... [READ MORE](#)





## Upcoming October 2016 Adoption Yard Sale Fundraisers

Let's show our love and support! [READ MORE](#)

Waller Family Yard Sale: Date: September 30, 2016 (4pm – 6pm) & October 1, 2016 (6:30am – 3pm)  
Location: 6527 Quail Run Drive, Pelham, AL 35124

Carroll Family Yard Sale: Date: October 8, 2016 (7:30 am – 1 pm)  
Location: 3619 E Lakeside Drive, Vestavia, AL 35243

Owen Family Yard Sale: Date: October 15, 2016 (7:00 am – 2 pm)  
Location: 5081 Pinchurst Terrace, Birmingham, AL 35242



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### Clays for Community

On September 22nd, Grace Klein Community held its first ever sporting clays event, Clays for Community, to help raise funds to supply food, clothing, and household items to local families. We spent the day at the beautiful Selwood Farm where 9 corporate teams competed in a 100 target sporting clays shoot.

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### Family Fun Night

Newks and Zaxby's hosted our Family Fun Nights this month!

Both restaurants donated a portion of the evening's sales to the local ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Thank you to all who joined in!

### We Love You Frazzled Mama

We thought about mamas out there stressed to know how to clothe their kids for the next season and how they could afford it without having to use their limited time to consign.

On September 9-10, 2016, along with our amazing partners at [Liberty Church Birmingham](#), we were able to host a clothing trade for mamas... and papas.

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THANK YOU to the 23 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



*Thank You!*



THANK YOU to the 68 individuals and families as well as the 19 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

## MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

[Precision Chiropractic](#) consistently provides people with care and attention through state-of-the-art technology and premier clinic and rehab amenities. Through constant education, training and genuine patient service, [Precision](#) presses on to help every person in the greater Birmingham area reach their God-given health potential.

“We have a mission to serve God through serving others and as a result of our partnership with Grace Klein, we are able to see that become a reality in our community. Grace Klein is the bridge between our desire to do something bigger than ourselves and a community that is in need of the talents and gifts which God has given us. We are so blessed to partner with Grace Klein Community to be the hands and feet of Christ.”

