

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME,
AND DO NOT HINDER THEM,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW 19:14



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[8/4/2016: Worship on Wineridge](#)

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UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Worship on Wineridge - The Hedgerow Folk

Save the date! "[Worship on Wineridge](#)" featuring [The Hedgerow Folk](#) from Auburn, Alabama! Join us at 6:30pm on August 4, 2016, at [4756 Wine Ridge Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244](#).

Their Heart

"We really felt early on that whatever we created should be a blessing to all those who might hear it. We see ourselves now as more of a ministry than a band in the conventional sense, and our desire, above all else, is to be useful in connecting people with the Father. We want to create art that leads people to slow down, reflect, and hear God's voice in their lives." - The Hedgerow Folk

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



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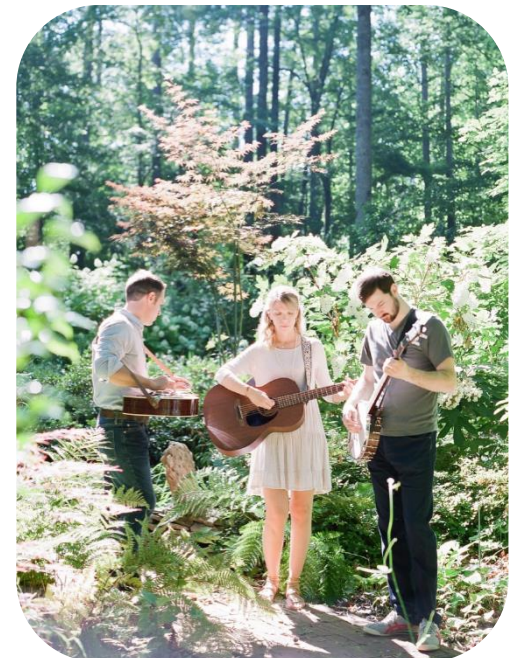
OUR PURPOSE

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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It is Well with my Soul





Grace Klein Community Featured on ABC 33/40

On July 17, 2016, [Brenda Ladun](#) of [ABC 33/40](#) presented a [featured story](#) on our monthly food delivery ministry. The photojournalist of our story, [James T. McConatha](#), was given privileges by ABC 33/40 to create a more comprehensive YouTube video than the news segment allowed.

In case you missed it, [HERE](#) it is! A huge thanks for the exposure that ABC 33/40 gave us to the Birmingham community. We had many new volunteers on our July 23rd delivery because of their excellence in documenting our story.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

LOCALEFFORTS

“No More Safety Pins”

Donated Items Needed: Newborn to Adult Medium Clothing, Shoes, Educational Games and Books, Baby Gear, Jackets, and Toys. All items need to be in excellent condition. Sign up to volunteer by emailing natalie@gracekleincommunity.com

Read more about this unique and fun clothing trade weekend: [“No More Safety Pins”](#)
We might even have a little surprise for the frazzled mamas!



Pass the Baton

A few volunteers sat on a back porch brainstorming about how to raise emergency funds for our friend, Evan Moon, and his family, after his recent brain surgery, when the idea of “pass the baton” came. If friends “passed the baton” it would remind them to give towards the financial need and would engage them in the relay race too. We could track where the baton goes and team members could send in encouragement and hope to spur on the team. Everyone could give something, whether small or large, and as the team grew, so would the fun and the funds.

We hope baton adventures will begin for all our ministry partners, for our adoptive families, for emergency needs, for our monthly food ministry and our staff support.

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GLOBALEFFORTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - Pearls of Slum, India

Grace Klein Community has a new partnership in India, Pearls of Slum.

“With God’s calling confirmed, through discipleship training we will receive from Harvesters International Ministries, and under the care and oversight from Grace Klein Community, we would like to make disciples of Jesus among the slum dwellers. Our goal is to begin serving the slums in December 2016. There are 116 families in the slum and we would be training children for their higher education as well as planning empowerment programs for the women...” [READ MORE](#)



La Limye' Ministries Children's Home, Haiti

We are excited to announce that in August, 2016, a Grace Klein Community team plans to travel to La Limye, Haiti. Beyond prayer and monetary/tangible support, we would like to offer Ellen, Director La Limye' Ministries, and the staff (nurse, nanny, security guards, community volunteers...) some rest by serving in whatever capacity they need. Our focus will be to encourage, to speak life, to initiate worship, to go to battle with the darkness in the village there, and to intercede in prayer and praise for what God has done/is doing in her with the ministry He has orchestrated.

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"Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him." – Psalm 62:5

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.



For the Children

We are all Better Together to know a principal like Ms. Ruth Williams who gives her life to care for the children in her care. She knows that hungry children struggle to learn, but children who have food to eat will thrive. Ms. Williams' example gives us a serious question to ponder... If we were the principal of a school, would we feed our entire student population, out of our own pocket, when the school funds ran dry?

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Growing Us

Marcus is one of our teachers. He's big smiles, a listening ear, he's humble, he expresses his imperfections, and he wants to be like Jesus. He shares how he wished to die until he realized the love Jesus had for him. Meeting and following Jesus changed him, rescuing him from a pit of despair, and giving him hope and joy.

We are all better to have Marcus Hubbard as a member of Grace Klein Community. He accepts our differences and we accept his. He grows us and hopefully we all grow him! Community is kind of like a wild squash plant, we never know how much we will grow or which direction God will take us next.

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Quite Unexpectedly

Giorgio loves Jesus. He plays in a local church gathering on Sundays. He helps lead worship at our [weekly](#) Monday gathering and at Taco Wednesdays. He has been spotted leading worship in parks, coffee houses and friend's houses. The dude's heart is made for worship and to facilitate others into worship.

Giorgio uses his gift for Jesus, he does not hold back, but gives willingly, generously and sacrificially. He isn't one of those who give from compulsion, rather he is a cheerful giver. Maybe the point of his adventure with *famous* was to give him a grand platform on giving his life to make Jesus famous.

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Our Grandmas Would Be Proud

Many of you visit Trader Joe's every week for groceries, but maybe you haven't realized you are supporting "[Not Your Average Joe](#)." Grace Klein Community could never explore creative ideas, like our Sunday GKC Trade Market, without rescued food.

What is rescued food? It's the food that community volunteers pick up, right before it finds itself in the dumpster, behind local stores in our community. It's the food that is close to expiration, with maybe a piece of wilted lettuce in the lunch salad, a bruise on the apple or tomatoes that need to be cooked "right now" into some homemade sauce. Rescued food is the food that is still safe to eat, but not the excellent quality that a store would sell to customers. [READ MORE](#)



"Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to Your name goes all the Glory for Your unfailing love and faithfulness." - Psalm 115:1

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED IN JULY

Serve Day

July 11, 2016

GKC coordinated a serve day with Briarwood JR High Cheerleaders.

The girls helped feed and water the [chickens](#), gather eggs, recycle boxes, general clean up, weed and water the [community garden](#), and sort clothing in the [Give and Take Room](#).

Many hands make light work!

Family Fun Night

July 12, 2016

The awesome folks at [Pie Five Pizza](#), Chace Lake hosted our [Family Fun Night](#).

JENGA! JENGA! JENGA!

The night was filled with laughter, surprise family fun auction items, and JENGA!

Be sure to [JOIN US](#) next time!

Metro CME Serve Day

July 14, 2016

GKC coordinated a serve day with middle schoolers from The Church at Brookhills to help sort the clothing closet at Metro CME.

Metro CME is one of our monthly food delivery pick up locations and they have also opened their own "[Give and Take Room](#)," mostly stocked from GKC donations.



THANK YOU to the 26 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



Thank You!



THANK YOU to the 26 individuals and families as well as the 5 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

[Motivated Movers](#) started in Birmingham, Alabama in 2008 out of a need for professional, reliable, and trustworthy moving companies. Thanks to their commitment to excellence, when you choose Motivated Movers you never get day laborers. Instead, you get full-time and experienced movers who have been thoroughly screened.

"Boxes are important because of what's inside them. We move treasured possessions from one place to another in hundreds of boxes and we partner with Grace Klein Community to help them move what's important too! By providing our moving boxes, community volunteers are able to deliver food to families all over our city. We believe in Grace Klein Community and are excited to be a part of something huge!" - Brian Stiffler

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