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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 – Gifts for the Forgotten

For the last several Decembers, in partnership with Grace Klein Community, individuals and local businesses have loved on many Birmingham residents that are no longer forgotten over the Christmas season. Retirement home residents, families and small groups help wrap gifts for Grace Klein Community Christmas projects.

When we consider gift giving and how the community should spend their giving dollars, our hearts break for people who are typically forgotten. What if we focus on them!?

Volunteers deliver much needed groceries to over 200 local families every month opening the door to intentional Jesus conversation, encouragement and prayer. We serve families to build relationships.

Did you know, over half of these families have children and children like to feel special on Christmas?!

Can your business get involved this year?

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## Otey's Gives Back

On November 2, 2017, [Otey's Tavern](#) will be donating 10% of all sales from 6 pm to 9 pm to Grace Klein Community. Grace Klein Community seeks to unite all people to work together to serve those in urgent need through such avenues as food, clothing, relationships, and hope in the Birmingham area. Otey's will have special guests at the bar that night as well as a donation box for new or gently used coats, gloves, jackets, scarves, and toboggans. Come join us for an evening of fun and be sure to bring a donation that will keep a friend warm this winter.

Physical Address: 224 Country Club Park, Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213  
Time: 6 til 9 PM

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"Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience..." – Colossians 3:12

## Local Efforts

### "Moon" Progress

"We are happy to share the great news that his most recent MRI results are stable and decreased once again and no evidence of tumor tissue! He has been so blessed with prayers and encouragement and he shares that with everyone he meets. He does not miss an opportunity to tell his story. He has voluntarily been part of a quality of life panel and has spent two evenings "giving back" by being a demonstration patient for Emory students in the rehabilitation therapy program. It is his second year to be a part of the program and he enjoys the time with the students, other patients and the therapists.

Sadly his physical therapy sessions have come to an end because all the insurance benefit has been used. We can only say wonderful things about the Emory rehabilitation facilities and the therapist that work so hard to help their patients. They have done everything possible to prepare us to continue Evan's exercises at home. We will miss them since we do not have coverage for 2018. Once again Aetna is discontinuing coverage and there is no policy available to Evan. Please, please pray that insurance will be available from someone for next year. We have contacted doctors, insurance brokers and state market insurance but have been unable to secure coverage. Blessedly, Evan's chemo therapy is completed but he still must take seizure prevention medicines and he remains in the surveillance stage that requires periodic MRI and oncology visits. We know God can provide and appreciate prayers "sent up" on Evan's behalf."

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## No Grocery November

Yes, you read that correctly. No groceries purchased for the month of November. How is that possible?! Here's the idea. Live on what you have left in your fridge, freezer and pantry for one month. Give what you would have spent on groceries to the ministry efforts of [Grace Klein Community](#). One family has enjoyed "No Grocery November" for three consecutive years. They actually start looking forward to how God will creatively provide in November.

A precious year, they shared several stories of God's provision:

- Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches in the carpool line for the first 100 people.
- The dad had a business meeting and rescued the leftovers before they were discarded. They ate on the brisket for a week.
- A friend moved and gave all her leftover food and cleaning supplies. The kids were running out of snacks for school and she "just so happened" to include snacks.

We wonder... would God provide creatively for our family too? It seems scary. What if we don't have enough? Will our kids eat what we have? A month feels like a long time. Awww, sounds fun. Why wait until November? Maybe my family could start today!

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## World Wide Friends

### Missionary Botho Heinz of Germany visits Grace Klein Community

“The week of October 16th, German missionary Botho Heinz joined Grace Klein Community’s [Monday Prayer Night](#) and [Taco Wednesday](#) to share about his ministry. Botho is a [World Reach](#) missionary who focuses on church leadership development, and leads teaching ministries in Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa, while also leading [Theologischer Schulungs-Service](#), a theological seminary developing church leaders across Eastern Europe. God had provided a clearing in his schedule to meet new friends on both of these nights during his month-long furlough in the United States. Many members of the Grace Klein Community family, from staff members to volunteers, gathered together to meet him, to hear his story, to pray, to encourage, and to be encouraged.

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“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God.” – Ephesians 2:8

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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.

### “Are you kidding? I LOVE this!”

“I LOVE organizing!” These three words are often rare, yet BEAUTIFUL when heard from the lips of an energetic, self-motivated volunteer who isn’t afraid of taking initiative and tackling a task that may seem tiresome to others. Giavanna is one such mama. No task is too difficult for her. No height is too hard to reach. No situation too dirty to take care of.

Everyone sees the world differently and has creative ideas and suggestions to make Grace Klein Community better. One day we had a load of spoiled milk that we were about to load into the dumpster. She came running to stop us. Giavanna saved landfill costs and the environment that day, and subsequent days, when she reminded us to pour out the milk and recycle the containers. DUH! How had we missed this seemingly obvious detail?? But we had! Thankfully people like Giavanna see a more effective way for something to be done and take the time to teach us. Proof evidence that we are better together.

Bringing beauty from a touch of freckles on her cheeks, a twinkle in her eyes and a contagious smile, Jesus can make you feel like a morning with Giavanna was a couple of hours with Him. She exudes His grace that has been so lavishly poured over her life. The authenticity of her friendship with Jesus makes you want to know Him deeper.

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### God is in the Details

“Melanie is the kind of woman you instantly feel comfortable around. She is down to earth and level headed. She faces struggles like everyone else, but expresses her trust in God with each one, giving Him glory with every victory. She loves Jesus and trusts Him to take care of her every need and the needs of her family. She has a God-given quiet strength.

I personally associate pictures and images with just about everything in my head. When I think of Melanie, I see a Gladiator, hair flowing from underneath her Gladiator helmet, and sword at her side, ready to protect everything dear to her, but only at the sound of God’s voice does she take a step forward.

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**Meet Our Newest Staff Member**  
**Rachael Cannon – Marketing and Administrative Assistant**

Growing up in Hoover and graduating from a local Christian school, I never imagined that I would end up hungry and sleeping in my car in the same area of Hoover almost 20 years later. Addiction and all of its ugly counterparts had consumed me and I was eating out of dumpsters in Patton Creek. About 2 years ago, I finally surrendered to God's will for my life. He has healed me from the inside out. His blood has set me free from all addiction and rejection and even condemning myself. He has even given me a new heart, and it's filled with a deep love for His sons and daughters. I want to give people hope that Jesus truly has come to set us free from poverty, racism, religion, addiction, mental illness and anything else that continues to oppress His darlings. **"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free..."** - Galatians 5:1.

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"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." –Lam 3:22-23

**HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED**

**October Serve Days**

In mid-October the sound of young voices and laughter filled the rooms at Grace Klein Community as energetic homeschoolers and sweet cheerleaders came together to serve. The smiles on the faces of both groups is a great reminder that serving not only encourages others, serving encourages us too.

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**Networking for a Cause**

On Tuesday, October 24th, 2017, Grace Klein Community held the final Networking for a Cause event of 2017 at [Vecchia Pizzeria and Mercato](#). Over 150 business professional attended the event this month, enjoying the sounds of Keegan Best, great food and door prizes.

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**Family Fun Night & Hoover Hay Ride**

On October 10, 2017, the awesome folks at [Golden Rule BBQ, Pelham](#) donated 10% of all sales from 6 – 9pm to the ministry efforts of Grace Klein Community.

On October 26, 2017, [Way-FM](#) partnered with Grace Klein Community, sharing a booth at the Hoover Hay Ride and Family Night. A special thanks to [Scripture Candy](#) for donating candy for the event.



**THANK YOU** to the 130 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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**THANK YOU** to the 70 individuals and families as well as the 11 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

**MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS**



"We are grateful to partner with Grace Klein Community. It is an honor to give back to the community that gives us so much support. Our members make us who we are and it is a privilege to provide them with an outlet to support and love their community."

– [Orange Theory Fitness](#)

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.