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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

Bambelela Drum Circle - April 28, 2018

Every year, Grace Klein Community hosts a [Bambelela Drum Circle](#) event incorporating various businesses, churches, non-profits, families and individuals, with the goal of uniting individuals and creating authentic community, no matter their age, gender, race, or belief system.

Young or old, no matter life’s journey, ALL are welcome! We encourage everyone to come have fun while learning how to play a variety of drums and other percussion instruments regardless of experience or ability.

All proceeds benefit one of our partner ministries, [Kwathu Children’s Home](#), in their vision for a socially just community in which all children have equitable access to education, shelter, care and love, and have a place to call home.

Get your FREE TAZIKI'S HUMMUS voucher, a FREE cup and a FREE SWEET TREAT at registration (while stocks last) and, don't forget the FREE FACE PAINTING!

Date: April 28, 2018
 Time: 5pm – 8pm

Location: The Church at Brook Hills – Student Building, 3145 Brook Highland Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35242

Let us know you are coming!





Camping Week 2018

Camping week will be here before you know it! Register your family now to join us for a meal, a night or multiple nights!

Camping week will start Friday, May 25, 2018, and end Sunday, June 2, 2018, at Oak Mountain State Park. Site number BSA 1, 2 and 3 have been booked close together and we will share all common meals on one of these sites. In the past our activities have included: night hiking, star gazing, team workouts, canoeing, fishing, communion, worship, prayer, swimming, biking etc. You'll have a blast!

[REGISTER](#) your family [TODAY!](#)

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Local Efforts

Western Supermarket and Boy Scout Troop 23 Food Drive

We are so thankful for [Western Supermarket](#) in Vestavia and Boy Scout Troop 23 as they care for food insecure families in Birmingham!

On Saturday, March 3, from 11-4 pm, these partners held a drive to collect non-perishable food items benefiting families of Grace Klein Community's monthly food delivery ministry. [Way-FM Birmingham](#), Denise Wallace and Brent Richards, came out on this beautiful, sunny Saturday and promoted the event on the air. Boy Scout Troop 23 ran two tables, one at each entrance and did a great job inviting the Vestavia community to participate. We appreciate the Vestavia Hills community for joining us to make Birmingham better.

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A2 Lunch and Learn

On February 22, 2018, Grace Klein Community attended the monthly Lunch and Learn event hosted by [a2 Church](#). The luncheons are geared toward developing your leadership potential and God-given purpose in the Kingdom.

We love a2 Church, and want to thank them for allowing us to set up a table at these Lunch and Learn events providing us further opportunity to share our heart and vision for Grace Klein Community, and inviting others to join hands with us as we care for Birmingham together.

A2 Church has offered to designate the last Sunday of every month, as "Grace Klein Community Sunday." The a2 Church family will be donating non-perishable food items benefiting the monthly food delivery ministry of Grace Klein Community. We are so thankful for a2 Church and their awesome volunteers as they demonstrate what Body life looks like! [READ MORE](#)



He Kept His Promise

"At the last minute, on March 13th to be exact, I had an idea to provide Easter Baskets for children in foster care. I was thinking maybe ten baskets. I contacted Alabama Baptist Children's Home to see if this was even possible because it was so late. They put me in touch with a group home mom, who said she needed TWENTY THREE Easter Baskets! I had to make this work but how? The goal appeared to be impossible. But God.....

I reached out to my friends at Grace Klein Community and the donations started pouring in. Candy, toys, grass, baskets, eggs, stuffed animals, books and money. Still not enough for twenty three Easter Baskets but just like the fishes and loaves, more and more started pouring in. Before I knew it, I reached the goal and donations were still coming in. I contacted Alabama Baptist Children's Home again we set another goal of 46 to serve two homes. Within a few days, that goal was met and still more donations were coming!" [READ MORE](#)





Global Efforts - Gio Go!

“Something has been stirring in me lately that I should have seen coming, but I never thought I'd feel so strongly about it. Since the first time I heard about mission trips being a thing that people do, I've thought “That's an amazing thing to do! But I'm probably never going to do it.” Every common excuse you could think of has run through my mind by this point:

“That's really expensive! I could never afford to do something like that.” “I don't really have anything to offer people in need,” “I wouldn't last long so far out of my comfort zone.” “Sure I could try to raise money or something but I'm really bad at that.” “Plenty of other people already do it, so why should I?”

There's an important truth that I'm learning to live by that's slowly but surely giving me the courage and boldness I need to look past those excuses and finally embark on a long journey to a foreign land, come face to face with extreme poverty, like I've never seen before, and allow God to give me something valuable that He will in turn use me to give to the people I'll meet there.” [READ MORE](#)

“Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.” – Psalm 48:1

“Clear is the word” **BETTER TOGETHER** “- 6291W 48:1

“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.

Boldly Meek

She comes running to help with that gorgeous hair of hers flying through the wind. No work too grimy or messy for her. She jumps right in, sorting the donated produce and hauling the heavy compost. All joy as her quiet self-scurries around almost looking for the tasks no one else wants to do. A servant leader, strong in her fragile, bold in her meek, generous in secret. Have you met our dear Brynna Schiller?

None of us have it all together. We all have daily struggles, obstacles and problems to solve. Some of our battles we fight in ways that many do not see. Other situations end up exposing our vulnerability and growing our courage. Brynna is comfortable in her own skin, willing to share hurts and victories, and one-on-one shares with transparency and openness. She listens so deeply that you know your thoughts are heard and she is authentic so she does not intimidate. She wraps that real around community friends with love and understanding. Brynna inspires others to be flawed, a beautiful work in progress, and live in the forgiveness of Jesus. She has that enduring hope and faith in a Shepherd that deeply cares for all us wandering sheep. [READ MORE](#)



One More Time

When I think of “people of Grace Klein,” I will always think of Beulah Brown and thank God that the Womacks invited us along to meet her. Jesus gave them a friendship with Beulah that they quickly shared with all of us. Many people have taught me about community in this almost 10 year journey serving with Grace Klein Community and the saying really is true “we are better together.”

Beulah has made us better. She took us all in and became our Jesus family. She demonstrated, by her life, all our fun little slogans: “others first,” “what's mine is yours,” “community is a verb, not a noun,” “better together,” and “love, serve, share, repeat.” She lived to share Jesus. No one could have possibly met this woman without knowing her great love for Jesus. She always talked about Him and the impact He had on her life was obvious by the crazy love she gave to hundreds of people in her lifetime. [READ MORE](#)

Obedience is Love

A longstanding community friend, Allyson Sutton, reached out to Grace Klein Community after reading our monthly newsletter and here's what she said...

"I have something to run by you... And this is not set in stone but just an idea that the Lord laid on my heart this morning. Grant (her son and baseball player at Oak Mountain High School) is selling Boston butts for baseball and we have to sell a total of 15. They will be delivered hot on March 21. Instead of selling them to individuals I would love to offer for people to buy them and donate them to Grace Klein Community to be given to families in need at Easter. If I can make that happen could you possibly meet me at the high school the day they get delivered with some coolers to pick them up? I know people are always looking for a way to help others and I think people would jump on that (fingers crossed.)" [READ MORE](#) to see what GOD did!



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HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

March "Madness"

The Lord never turns a blind eye to our need for helping hands. How can you not smile when receiving a call from a partner church, school or business offering to lend a hand?!

How can you not get on your knees in awe of Father God's provision when, not one, BUT four partner ministries reach out to volunteer their time and energy, and give from their overflow?! That's Jesus y'all!

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Networking for a Cause

We had a great turn out for the first quarterly Networking for a Cause event of 2018 at [Vecchia Pizzeria and Mercato](#). Businesses and ministries from all over the Birmingham area united to support Grace Klein Community. Thank you to our amazing sponsors and for those individuals and businesses who donated silent auction items and door prizes.

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Chubbfathers Blessing

A BIG thank you to Chubbfathers for donating non-perishable food items benefiting the monthly food delivery ministry of Grace Klein Community, currently providing a box of food to over 230 families every month.

"We are excited to partner with Grace Klein Community because we share the same goal of being our brothers' keeper and feeding the people." - [Chubbfathers](#)



THANK YOU to the 77 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 94 individuals and families as well as the 20 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"GKC loves the city of Birmingham the same way we at [Christ City Church](#) love Birmingham. Being convinced that we can do more together than we can do on our own, the partnership between GKC and Christ City is not only an easy decision for us, but a necessary one. With our vision to be for Christ, in the City, as the Church, we aim to see the gospel unite our city by celebrating its beautiful diversity in ethnicity, socio-economics and denominational ties.

People from all walks of life can go through seasons of struggle, and that at times will lead to physical hunger. Knowing that, we aim to consistently provide food for those in need, and because of our partnership with GKC, we are able to serve one another and our city together." – [Christ City Church](#)

