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WHAT YOU DO BUT
**WHO YOU ARE
IN CHRIST.**



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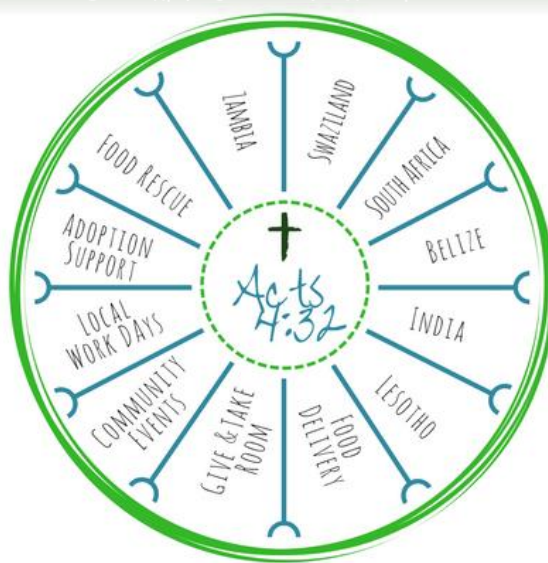
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OUR PURPOSE

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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10/02/2018: [Networking for a Cause](#)

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Networking for a Cause – October 2, 2018

On October 2, 2018, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at [Little Donkey 280](#). Networking for a Cause is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, build relationships, and make new contacts, 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.

Networking for a Cause was created to help build community among local business professionals, providing information and opportunity to get involved with Grace Klein Community. All proceeds from this event will benefit the local outreach efforts of Grace Klein Community.

Please join us for an evening of networking, great food, live music, a silent auction, and door prizes.

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Little Donkey 280: 5363 US-280 Ste B101, Birmingham, AL 35242

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WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US AT 6:30PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH FOR OUR

FOOD DRIVE JAM

LIVE MUSIC AT SEEDS COFFEE

FEATURING

A SLIM SHADOW & THE INTERSTATE LIFE

BRING \$5 OR 5 NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

SEEDS COFFEE / 174 OXMOOR ROAD, 35209

Food Drive Jam – November 9, 2018

Join us at 6:30pm on November 9th for a night of live music at [Seeds Coffee](#) (174 Oxmoor Road, 35209). Lineup includes [A Slim Shadow](#) and [The Interstate Life](#). Bring a friend, support Grace Klein Community and fill up our box truck with a donation of \$5 at the door or 5 cans of food per person.

Our desire is to give locals an opportunity to serve their community and learn about more ways they can be involved in feeding the incredible people of Birmingham, as well as to give volunteers, who serve regularly with Grace Klein Community, a night of relaxation and family fun while continuing to serve through a non-perishable food share through their concert entry.

Let us know you are coming. [RSVP HERE](#).

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Global Efforts

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Rebuilding Physical and Spiritual Walls – Pearls of Slum

We praise God and thank the Lord for the opportunities He has given us to be used as vessels for relief efforts to flood affected families in Kerala, India.

\$1,200 has been raised thus far, and \$1,000 has been used towards the cause. We have bought two mattresses, three gas stoves, groceries, clothes and toiletry items. All items were distributed in three different areas among 33 families. The complete bills and accountability will be given to Grace Klein Community. We have distributed food, toiletries and clothing kits in our neighborhood, to 30 families, with the help of our church teens.

\$200 of the \$1,200 still remains from the money raised towards helping families affected by the flood. We are still raising funds to refurbish houses in Tamil colony, Pathalam area. We are struggling to come out of the chaos that the recent floods caused. People who have strong homes and money could restart their lives, but people without concrete houses and living in poverty are battling and miserable. The remaining \$200 will be used to refurbish these Tamilian homes, but the money is not sufficient.

If you feel the Lord leading you to contribute toward the rebuilding of the Tamilian homes, here is how you can give:

Online: <http://gracekleincommunity.com/pearls-of-slum-india/>

Check donations can be mailed to: Grace Klein Community, 1678 Montgomery Hwy #104, Birmingham, AL 35216.

Please include “**India Flood Relief**” in the memo line. [READ MORE](#)



Unspoken Aches to the Father – Dakar Academy

“This week!!! God “showed up” again. Long story, short - For a few days before my walk I had anticipated taking a right on the small back road near our daily commute. Instead, the day of my walk I took a right out of our campus onto the main road. Responding to however and why-ever He led. Super.

Long story, short - my first walk was brilliant. God helped me sum up with a goal, a purpose that will keep me going. Why are we doing this together, Father? Me: I want to become more aware of Holy Spirit speaking to and through me constantly. I want to practice to pray without ceasing. I want to willingly and humbly obey Him.

That night, as the whole school was on campus at an evening event, we had heard of an abduction on that same small back road near our daily commute. God rerouted me. And I followed.” – Caitlin Woodward, Dakar Academy

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Local Efforts - "Go Live Your Life"

"Go live your life" are the new words that guide Evan's days now. In August he had his milestone MRI that was used to compare to his August 2017 MRI which was performed at the end of chemotherapy treatment. One year later his results are excellent... no sign of cancer and possibly even improvement in the area of radiation therapy. There is no longer any swelling and he now can schedule MRI testing every three months instead of every two months for the next year.

His insurance will change in November, and once again the stress of investigating and comparing medical and prescription policies has taken its toll on our family. The insurance this year has worked very well, but is no longer an option and again he is forced to choose new coverage. The new insurance will mean less coverage and much more expense. Please join us in PRAYER as we trust God to cover his necessary medicines. [READ MORE](#)



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"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.



Joyfully Optimistic

To call Ms. Penny a fireball is as much an understatement as is calling the lioness a kitten. The energy she brings to GKC community is dramatically started and joyfully optimistic. When someone comes by the Sunday Trade Market, she is virtually always the first person to ask them if they have enough milk/eggs/bread/etc., and with cheer in her voice, helps accommodate any questions or needs the person may have.

Penny says she started working at GKC community simple because she is a people person—it is just in her DNA to help people, and boy—does she! Her natural compassion for everyone that comes through that door is evident by her enthusiasm to get to know the individuals within the community. Several times I tried to speak to Ms. Penny for an interview, but every time we would get cut short, because she would begin serving someone. Now that—that is a woman who has her priorities straight! There were several times I would be looking for Ms. Penny, and I would ultimately find her outside, in the blistering heat, helping someone with their bags and consoling them with words of empowerment and/or worship.

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Our Sunday Best

Sunday is a time where most of us slow down after the hectic week, and finally have time to reflect on how we are coping and what we are grateful to have. Our Sunday Trade Market is a highlight for most. We often have familiar faces, as well as a handful of newcomers; all of which bring their own special energy into the office and experience.

Trade Market Sundays have waves of calm lulls and bustling action! As we ones scamper throughout the house holding small cakes and binkies, volunteers help happy mamas and old friends. With a crew of volunteers helping everyone who comes through the doors, everything from food distribution to preparation runs smoothly—despite the magnitude of families in the office at any given time and our privilege to participate in organized chaos.

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Meet our First Intern!

Cassidy Clevenger is ecstatic to be joining Grace Klein Community as the Social Work intern! She is currently a graduate student in Samford's Social Work Program, as well as the Life Enrichment Assistant for St. Martin's in the Pine's rehabilitation, long-term care, and skilled nursing care communities. Prior to her current role at St. Martin's, she was the Life Enrichment Director for Memory Care.

Cassidy enjoys making life as enriching (and fun) as possible! She has already met some incredible members of Grace Klein Community, and she cannot wait to make memories and build friendships with the rest of the community.

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Operation "Entertaining Angels"

On September 8, 2018, [Shades Mountain Baptist Church's](#) 7-2-9 group in partnership with [Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce's](#) "Helping Hands in the Hills" and [PESI](#) worked a landscaping rehab plan from [Tiffany Sutton](#) at the new community house, providing dirt and filling in long ditch in front right elevation, pressure washing the sidewalk, overhauling the yard with cleanup, tree transplanting and haul off of debris.

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LIVE SENT Sunday

On September 16, 2018, Grace Klein Community had the honor of being a part of LIVE SENT Sunday at [Shades Mountain Baptist Church](#), a glorious celebration of all that God is doing in and through folks living on mission.

Our hearts were encouraged to see so many individuals and families interested in serving our local communities in various ways.

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What is the Secret Ingredient?

September 21, 2018, was the Choose Life Alabama Annual Conference where Jenny Waltman, a Grace Klein Community member, was invited as a facilitator for one of the morning symposium breakout sessions. The time was sweet as leaders came together for support and encouragement to not lose heart and remember the call on their lives.

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THANK YOU to the 63 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 66 individuals and families as well as the 10 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"I wanted to partner with Grace Klein Community because I am a firm believer that community is a huge part of being a Christian. People helping people is showing God's love."
– Heather Crittenden, [Vintage Comfort Food Co.](#)

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.

