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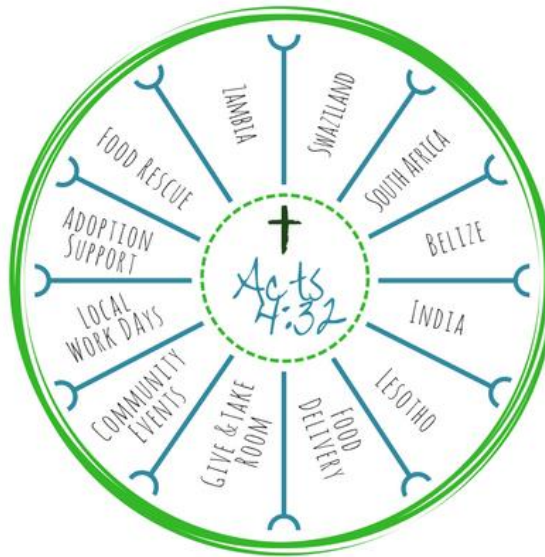
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OUR PURPOSE

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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11/09/2018: [Food Drive Jam](#)

11/16/2018: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)

11/17/2018: [Monthly Food Delivery](#)

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, The Interstate Life and Carver Commodore. 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.

The purpose of this event is twofold:

1. 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.
2. 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 TODAY





Gifts for the Forgotten

As we partner together to care for hearts, consider a tangible share for Christmas or give financially via www.gracekleincommunity.com/donate. Grace Klein Community will be caring for various individuals who are often forgotten. Thank you for being a part of remembering our community for the Christmas season.

Our hearts are compelled to care for **single parents** who are dedicated to working (often multiple jobs) and sacrificing time and resources to raise children in stable, healthy and safe environments with a focus on holistic care of Jesus presence, community support, education, exercise, and healthy food choices.

The Lord has also called us to care for **homeless friends** in our community, specifically teenagers living on the streets in Birmingham. [READ MORE](#)

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us." – 1 John 4:12

Global Efforts

LXP Lesotho Hosts Beats and Books from LXP South Africa

"You want to read this God-story... Earlier this year we clearly heard the Lord opening up places for us to take our kids out of Jeffrey's Bay to experience travel and how Jesus can be trusted to meet our needs as we head out on an adventure of faith.

We thought it was going to be Europe, but we ended up sending only Prima to Germany and The Netherlands. Then Godfrey, the Director of LXP Lesotho, called me one night presenting a possible music camp in Butha Buthe - Lesotho. We were already geared up for that. More than anything, Godfrey's call was a confirmation for us that we needed to go. We rallied our kid's parents and presented the opportunity for their children to join us on this epic pioneering trip. Fast forward, we ended up with two local leaders and three kids embarking on their first ever voyage outside South Africa.

It could only be Jesus backing us up otherwise we wouldn't have managed to go. We received some of the most crucial documents the very morning we were leaving. Then at the Lesotho border our driver was put in a jail cell for apparently not having the Cross Border Permit. We didn't have to have the permit, but there is so much corruption at that border so the Police hoped we would eventually bribe them, but alas. We waited in frigid weather for almost three hours until he was released around 1:30AM.

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Touch the Fringe

"As a longstanding member of the Grace Klein Community I have worked (and at times lived) in various parts of Africa for more than a decade. During those years of service I have been privileged to work with some remarkable local physicians dedicated to serving those on the fringes of society. My dear friend, Kenyan OBGYN Hillary Mabeya, is one of those bright lights who works tirelessly to provide gynecological procedures to women who could not otherwise afford care. Dr. Mabeya's mission is to identify (and operate on) women with a debilitating and stigmatizing condition known obstetric fistula, which renders women incontinent after prolonged obstructed labor. I spent the summer of 2017 working with Dr. Mabeya and his team at Gynocare where I witnessed firsthand how impactful these procedures can be for women who have suffered endlessly.

Dr. Mabeya's team has a remarkable cure rate; however, at times the extent of some women's injuries are so vast that fistula repair becomes an impossibility. In these rare cases a more complex and costly procedure (urinary diversion) is required to restore continence and a woman's dignity. We have recently identified a group of 15 Kenyan women who have fallen through the cracks of the maternal health system, and who share this complicated condition not covered by other medical NGO's. This group of women has endured years of suffering, shame, and isolation as a result of their condition and we are compelled to intervene on their behalf. [READ MORE](#)



Local Efforts: A New Ending

God makes all of us beautiful and strong in our own ways. Some of us know from a young age that He is always in our presence, and we are able to feel his effects daily; some of us must search and sacrifice to know a relationship with Him.

A group of incredible, strong-willed, devout women from Focus on Recovery dedicated their Saturday morning to serving GKC, and the experience was not short of incredible. These women proved their devotion to their Higher Power and sobriety by giving back to our community. Though there was no blood, there were plenty of sweat and tears!

These women hit the floor running and giggling with their efforts, and instantly filled the GKC office and Community House with banter and laughter; making it impossible to not immediately feel connected to them. [READ MORE](#)



“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.” – Psalm 133:1

„How good and pleasant it is when **BETTER TOGETHER** ogether in unity.” – Psalm 133:1

“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.

Grace Got You!



Much like in any other community, every person plays a critical role in its successes: some of us are gifted with strength to move mountains or hold steadfast at the brink of temptation; some use their intelligence and heart to solve problems for the greater good or for the struggling individual; others are blessed with the gift of creation. In all cases, these skills can not only be used to benefit the community at large, but also to glorify God in their own rights.

Kim Parmley is a key example of someone utilizing every ounce of her spirit and talent to spread love and support among those who may need it the most. Her ambitions have always been that of selflessness. As an example, her former passion project, Butterfly 365, was designed to generate acts of kindness every day--how sweet is that! It was through this calling, she came to know Grace Klein Community.

After partnering with GKC to help individuals and families in-need, Kim says she fell in love with the strong sense of community that GKC facilities. And for the past few years, Kim has been an utterly invaluable resource and virtual honeypot of encouragement. Her bright, spunky personality shines through, not only in her vibrant smile and laughter, but in her endless generosity. Whenever GKC has spoken with Kim, she always seems to be putting the needs of others as her top priority. [READ MORE](#)

Quietly Steady

Over the last 46 days we may have been quiet about the progress of the community house, but God has been very busy moving the project forward. Three diverse groups shared their talents with us. Focus on Recovery ladies served through painting, cleaning and breaking apart pallets. Turning Point demolished the back deck, broke apart pallets, completed the excavation for the downstairs plumbing, and cleaned/pressure-washed the exterior elevations. Church of the Highlands, Grandview Campus, shared a first Saturday serve by cleaning, digging of deck footings, exterior painting (3/4 of body of exterior completed) and yard work. We also had a surprise friend from Mississippi (who a Grace Klein Community team helped with home renovations and water towers when he served as a missionary in Belize) come to help for 4 days and most of the old Belize missionary team came together last Saturday to spend time with Paul Sims.

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Networking for a Cause – October 2018

On Tuesday October 2, 2018 Grace Klein Community held our quarterly Networking for a Cause event at the Little Donkey on 280. We had a great turnout of local businesses, ministries and non-profit organizations. Networking for a Cause provides a great environment to get to know other professionals seeking to grow their businesses to make a difference in Birmingham.

Grace Klein Community would like to thank State Farm agent, Ted Townley in Homewood for being our Title sponsor for the event. We would also like to thank all other sponsors and local businesses who donated door prizes and silent auction items. We really appreciate all the people who came out to support us. [READ MORE](#)

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First Saturday Serve

On October 6, 2018, a team of 8 from Church of the Highlands, Grandview Campus, came to serve at our new community home. This team truly outdid themselves with their work ethic. Church of the Highlands seems to be utterly driven by the cause, which prompted a cascade of motivation by all parties. Right from the get-go, these volunteers were taking charge, and choosing to serve in these laborious tasks.

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Servants of Jesus

If Grace Klein Community were to create the ideal group of volunteers in a lab, we would include traits like, hard-working, sweet-tempered, open-minded, and selfless. Shades Mountain Baptist Church's group of senior volunteers provided all of these, plus an undeniable sense of duty to the cause.

This group of volunteers eagerly participated in a series of tasks to better our community office.

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To Serve God and Country

In such a political time in our lives, it is easy to get bogged down in the latest bureaucratic, unjust news stories. In times like this, it is nice to remember that children are our future, and our GKC Girl Scouts Troop 698 are certainly making the future seem bright. The efforts, of not just the kids, but also their doting mamas, they amassed an incredible amount of work in just the few hours they served with us this month.

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THANK YOU to the 61 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!

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THANK YOU to the 95 individuals and families as well as the 15 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

“At [Redemptive Cycles](#), we believe that transportation equity is a key component of social equity. We know first-hand that, without transportation, the most vulnerable members of our community often remain trapped in poverty. We appreciate so much that Grace Klein DELIVERS its food gifts to individuals and families in need - many of these folks may have no other way to access a food pantry or grocery. We see their mission as complimentary to ours and appreciate so much that they go the LITERAL extra mile to serve those most in need in our community. It's a privilege to be able to collaborate with them and we greatly admire their incredible efforts.” – [Redemptive Cycles](#)

