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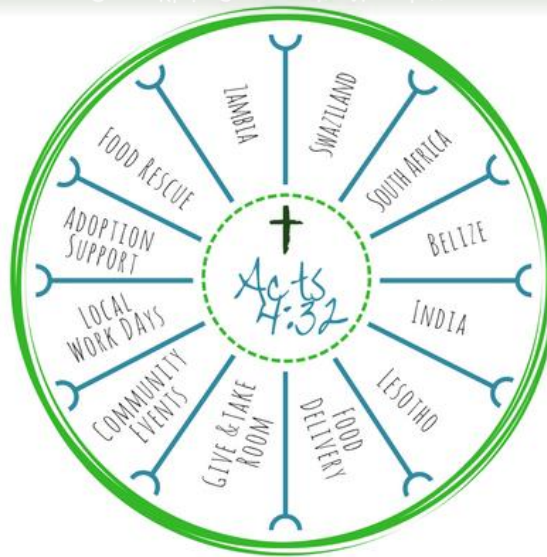
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## OUR PURPOSE

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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01/08/2019: [Speed Networking for a Cause](#)

01/25/2019: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)

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## Event Highlight

### Speed Networking for a Cause

Start off the New Year with new business! Join Grace Klein Community and Pure Fitness for [SPEED NETWORKING FOR A CAUSE](#).

When? Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time? 08:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Location? 1425 Montgomery Hwy Ste 115, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Breakfast will be provided. Bring a door prize and your business cards!

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SPREAD LOVE  
AS THICK AS  
YOU WOULD  
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RSVP





## Openhanded

Our Gifts for the Forgotten initiative has been a beautiful tapestry of individuals and businesses working together to make something seemingly impossible - possible. God is the God of the impossible and so we love jumping into projects that are only possible if Jesus shows up.

For our last Food Delivery of 2018, 76 volunteer families/individuals will deliver 307 food boxes to families in Birmingham. 327 children were sponsored for Christmas outside of our Food Delivery families, as well as 30 mamas. AND, all 307 families that will receive food today will also receive Christmas gifts. Way to go Birmingham! [READ MORE](#)

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## Local Efforts

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### St. Martin's in the Pines and Galleria Woods Christmas Wrapping Parties

This past month, GKC had the honor and privilege to work with two independent living retirement communities in order to help single parents and homeless teens. St. Martin's in the Pines and Galleria Woods Retirement helped GKC wrap hundreds of Christmas presents for these underappreciated members of our community. Throughout the experiences, I think we were all reminded of how the intentions of a cause are far more powerful in uniting people than piddly personality differences may be in separating us.

The highlight of the weekend at both retirement communities was definitely getting to know some of the residents a little better. One gentleman shared his story of growing up with a severe learning disability in the 1960s, and how his refined personal and professional skills were able to be utilized at the special olympics! [READ MORE](#)



### Operation "Bundle Up Buttercup"

Thankful for construction heaters because baby it is cold inside!!! We have continued to see God bring donors of time, money and resources together to move this massive project forward.

Want to be a part of this renovation? Email [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com) to schedule a serve day or a few serve hours. Host a fundraiser with friends to help us raise money for the deck lumber. Mail a check to: Grace Klein Community, Inc., 1678 Montgomery Hwy #104, Birmingham; AL 35216. Pray for God to send the workers we need to bring the project to conclusion.

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### "She Speaks."

A vague whisper that I heard in my Spirit as I unpacked the boxes from Africa. One by one I unwrapped the precious collection of items made by the women of South Africa. Items that I was supposed to set up and sell in a "Pop-up" store to benefit one of our global partners, Kwathu Children's Home in Livingstone, Zambia. I was instantly fascinated. Throws of bright colors on fabrics, exquisitely made purses and bright trendy headbands had my attention, but the women behind them had my curiosity.

"She speaks." I heard it again. As I looked at the uniquely designed, hand-made journals crafted from different pages of magazines, books and scriptures, I realized that these women, thousands of miles away, had the same likes, loves and heart cries as I do. [READ MORE](#)





## **Twatasha – Thank You!**

“Uwushitasha paka nono, napafikulu takatashe”~ Bemba proverb translated as **“he who fails to show gratitude for the little, fails to show gratitude even when much is given.”** To say that we’ve been in Birmingham the last 5 1/2 weeks (6 weeks by the time we leave this Saturday) seems so surreal. But that’s precisely how quickly time races by. This has been a unique visit on many levels. We love being here and by now, it might go without say that we’ve surely been blessed with people who have become family living on the ‘other side of the ocean.’ For several weeks, this visit was a desire, that transformed into prayer and eventually became a sweet reality. It was wrapped up in an unexpected gift from a wonderful generous couple who covered our round-trip travel costs from South Africa to the US. [READ MORE](#)

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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.



## **Food and MORE Food + Coats**

In December, we were blown away by food collections. Rocky Ridge Elementary school and South Shades Crest Elementary surprised us with a non-perishable food drive. How incredible?!!! Girl Scout Troop 26325, Liberty Church and Green Clean also all contributed non-perishable food to help stock our shelves. Then Boy Scout Troop 23 called us on Saturday, December 15, 2018, to deliver 163 brown grocery bags full of non-perishable items to our office. Volunteers worked all day Monday and Tuesday sorting, organizing and shelving all the non-perishable donations.

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## **Socks on Our Feet and Toboggans Over Our Ears**

Grace, a United Methodist Congregation, gave us a call on December 6, 2018, with a surprise donation. A semi-trailer, filled with all sorts of brand new items, had been documented for evidence and was being destroyed by noon if local police could not donate all the items to local charities. As Jesus would have it, we were able to receive a dump trailer load of donations, 2 truck loads of donations and one SUV full of donations.

Volunteers unloaded the donations onto the porch and carport of a community family, and other volunteers came to sort and organize the donations. House Peace, a professional organization business, even showed up to help us sort and organize the immense volume of items we had the privilege to share. [READ MORE](#)



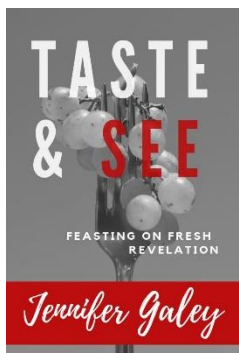
## **Taste and See**

Exciting NEWS... Jenny Galey has written her first book, “Taste & See” which is now available for purchase on Amazon! The book is about the goodness of God, and how the Holy Spirit sets us free from strongholds as we feast on His WORD.

All PROFITS from all purchases will be donated to our food delivery ministry for the first three months of book sales.

All profits from this book will continue to be dedicated to feed the hungry. Jenny will rotate to different ministries every three months. She felt led to choose Grace Klein Community as the first non-profit. Wow, just wow!!

Order a copy today: <https://amzn.to/2Ls8wW2>





## 7 Day Trade Market Challenge

One of the harshest realities about becoming an adult is just how expensive everything is. I am a grad student who works part-time in a retirement community and also interns at Grace Klein Community.

In short: this is the most overworked and underpaid I have ever been in my entire life, and I have to ensure every financial decision I make is wise. But just like most everyone else in America, I have been bitten by the Holiday Bug, and all I want to do is shop and bake! Neither of which are conducive to my goal of being frugal and efficient. Then, my GKC supervisors asked that I do a little social challenge where I only eat food from Grace Klein's weekly donations. [READ MORE](#)

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, oh Lord, my Rock and Redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

### Chili for Jesus

The Offenders Alumni Association (OAA) hosted a chili dinner on December 14, 2018, for the ladies of the Birmingham Work Release Program. The chili fed 290 women and was a simple conduit to love and care for the hearts of the women. Grace Klein Community and the OAA work in partnership with one another to care for offenders and to lend a helping hand as offenders reacclimatize to society.

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### 2018 Christmas Open House

On December 18, 2018, we held an Open House at our office from 11-2pm where we hosted office tours, answered questions about GKC and had our "Be More Random pop-up" store open for business for last minute Christmas shopping. Volunteers also served lunch that was generously provided by our friends at Longhorn Steakhouse to include chicken, veggies, salad, bread and chocolate cake.

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### "Ask and it will be given to you."

Lord have mercy, not again!!! An early morning exclamation heard a few days before Thanksgiving that resonated through the basement after the discovery that one of our largest refrigerators had once again gone out. An unfortunate occurrence in the food business, but one that can be detrimental, even deadly to the food rescue business.

[READ MORE](#) to hear what God did!



**THANK YOU** to the 75 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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**THANK YOU** to the 79 individuals and families as well as the 12 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

## MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS

"[Macaroni Kid South Birmingham](#)" takes tremendous pride in connecting families in the local community with all the amazing opportunities for family fun, mainly by providing a comprehensive, online community calendar of free and inexpensive events and a free weekly e-newsletter. So, it makes complete sense for us to partner with Grace Klein Community and help those same families in our community who may need resources. We are so impressed with the services provided by Grace Klein Community and can't wait to get more involved! We love the work you do." -- Jess Searcy, Publisher & Editor Macaroni Kid South Birmingham

