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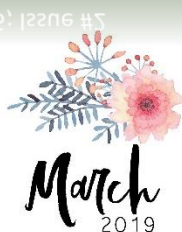
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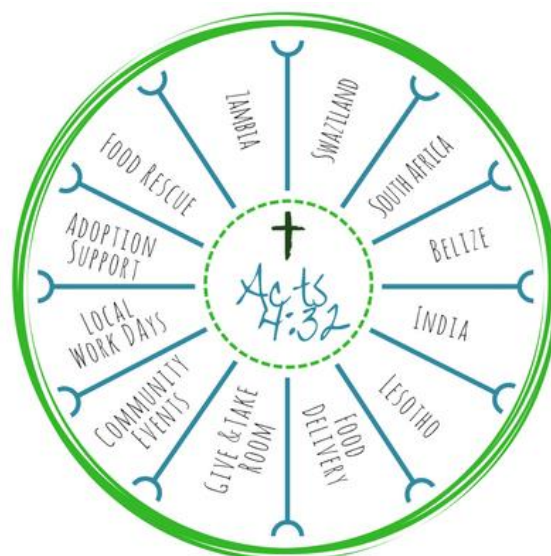


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## OUR PURPOSE

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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## Event Highlight

### Networking for a Cause – March 4, 2019

On March 4, 2019, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly [Networking for a Cause](#) event at Moe's Original BBQ in Vestavia Hills. Networking for a Cause is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, 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.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the local outreach efforts of Grace Klein Community. Please join us for an evening of networking, speed networking from 6-7 pm, free appetizers, door prizes and a silent auction.

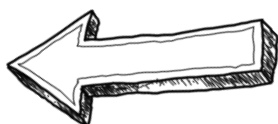
Admission is free.

Bring a door prize to donate!

Date: Monday, March 4, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Moe's Original BBQ: 2520 Rocky Ridge Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243







## **Be Salt and Light**

One important moment happened after Church of the Highlands Grandview gave us their leftover Christmas Eve service candles. God SPOKE. Here's the text that was sent to one of our community artists, Kim Parmley, on December 30, 2018....

"Hey sis. God gave me an idea. Church of the Highlands gave us all their leftover candles. It's a lot. Wondered if we could create a small business card we could tie around them that we give out when people come to GKC or to GKC events. A theme for this year about: "BE" Salt and Light."

And January 1, 2019, at 8:30pm we had a design. Go God!! [READ MORE](#)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." – Matthew 5:14

## **Local Efforts**

### **Divide and Conquer**

In God's goodness, we come together and strive to be our best selves. For the month of February 2019, Grace Klein Community, Inc. had six separate groups of volunteers donate their time either at the up-and-coming community house, "The House on the Hill," or our community office. The Shelby Crossings youth group and Godspeed Elite Sports Academy took the *divide and conquer* approach; while the women and teenagers either cleaned the community house or sorted shoes for our global partner fundraiser, the men constructed an ENTIRE deck!

The gratitude GKC feels when we look at the completed deck framing and installed deck boards is beyond words. In fact, later that same day, the prayer team for "The House on the Hill" came to pray over the home and take a tour of the nearly finished construction.

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## **The House on the Hill**

"This is what the Lord says: "Look, an army is coming from the land of the north; a great nation is being stirred up from the end of the earth." – Jeremiah 6:22

God has given clear vision that the community home, "The House on the Hill," will be used to equip and empower mamas to thrive in their singleness through an intimate relationship with Jesus, to connect resources for jobs, childcare, tangible needs and groceries, to find healing from their pain and forgiveness towards men/family relationships to grow in trusting others again, and to learn their gifts and abilities so they can also contribute to the lives of others.

WE are the army! [READ MORE](#)

## **Bundles of Fresh Flowers**

When we received a call on a Sunday afternoon for an "emergency flower pickup," we never imagined returning to GKC with 299 bundles of flowers. That very day, we visited the apartment complex of a dear friend to share the love. Our friend "just so happened" to be outside her apartment as we drove in and asked what we were doing. She heard of our flower excursion and decided to join us. Her and her daughter introduced us to various neighbors who they felt needed a little extra tender loving care, and we gave them all flowers. Everyone was blown away to be thought of on a Sunday afternoon.

Our volunteer team picked up another large load of flowers that same evening. We even went again the next day for an additional load. Then, AGAIN on Friday evening for another almost 300 bundles. [READ MORE](#)





## **Global Efforts: Want to Collect Some Shoes?**

Grace Klein Community, Inc. is collecting all sizes and types of shoes for a specific fundraiser for our ministry partner [Kwathu Children's Home](#). The director is coming to the United States, for the first time, in May 2019, to meet and thank many of the individuals and groups who have supported the home over the last 10 years.

We would love to surprise him by collecting as many shoes as possible to surprise him with additional funding for the children's home. Our goal is to collect 12,000 to 15,000 pairs of shoes.

Would you be willing to make some noise and collect some shoes with us?

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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.



## **A Tour de Force**

Tina works with us in so many ways and is always coming by, even dressed in her nice work clothes. I have seen her in the most fabulous tailored suit and heels carrying someone's food to their car and that truly is a picture of who we are. Tina said to me that the most profound way she has seen God work at GKC is through a lady that came in who was in need of some clothes while she and her son, Jacob, were here serving. The lady was in tears at the magnitude of her blessing and said that she did not know there was a place like this on earth that existed. Tina said that she could not agree more with the sentiment and always wants to be a part of a place that gives off that type of feeling.

What an honor to hear how God is ministering to hearts through simple sharing. Thank you, Tina Dorius for sharing your heart and your time with Grace Klein Community. We adore you!

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## **Our Bulwark**

**"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Isaiah 26:1**

"Bulwark." That's the first word I heard in my Spirit the day that I met Tonya Drake. Yes, God described this mighty woman of God as a wall, a strong city. That's exactly what I've come to know that she is. This woman is as faithful and true and dependable as they come.

Tonya has volunteered with GKC for a little over 2 years now and has come as full circle with her serving as our food rescue. You see, Tonya originally joined Grace Klein Community as one of our farmers, picking up weekly donations of our "over the hill" consumables that were no longer, well, consumable for humans. Tonya stepped right in and began to take our discards home to her pigs and livestock to continue our heartfelt desire that absolutely nothing be wasted!

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## Oatmeal Box Story

"In January, we were excited to have Bethany come to Christ City Church to tell about the ministry of Grace Klein Community. Previous to her coming, Meredith Phillips and I sat down at GKC to set a tangible way to help with the monthly food box distribution.

Bethany mentioned that oatmeal would be huge help and that at the time, they would need around 288 boxes. When Bethany came to Christ City Church and was sharing about the oatmeal box collection she said the need had increased to 306. Hearing this, I stopped her and said, "church... the goal to collect is now 306." Over the next 3 Sunday's oatmeal was brought to the church. I noticed on GKC's social media that their monthly count had gone up again to..." [READ MORE](#)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

### Mercedes Marathon 2019

10 volunteers, 10 bags full of clothing!

Thank you Mercedes Marathon for selecting Grace Klein Community as the charity to receive clothing discarded by the runners every year!

Thank you to Guy Roemen of Landmark Landscape Group for loaning us your Polaris!

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### Fresh and Green

On February 5, 2019, Grace Klein Community was invited to share at [Galleria Woods Retirement Community](#) as part of their "Do Good" initiative for February. As a community, they wanted to join hands with Grace Klein Community to help collect some needed items for our food delivery families.

We shared the history of Grace Klein Community and how their involvement can create lasting change locally and around the world.

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### A Little Red Sonic

One of our staff, Bethany Gamble, has been praying for a car, among other things. She has been on a journey of trusting God from today to tomorrow to the next day. He has been teaching her more of His voice, more dependency, more expectation. He has grown in her a radical faith to expect the impossible. But we are convinced that God loves surprises and He got His girl, Bethany.

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**THANK YOU** to the 87 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



*thank you*



**THANK YOU** to the 74 individuals and families as well as the 11 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

### MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

We are honored to announce [The Garage in Pelham](#) as our Platinum Sponsor for Networking for a Cause and our Box Truck Sponsor for 2019. We appreciate your continued support towards Grace Klein Community, the individuals and families impacted through our efforts, and your heart for the Greater Birmingham area. Trusting God to give you back twice what you have invested into us.

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to all 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.

