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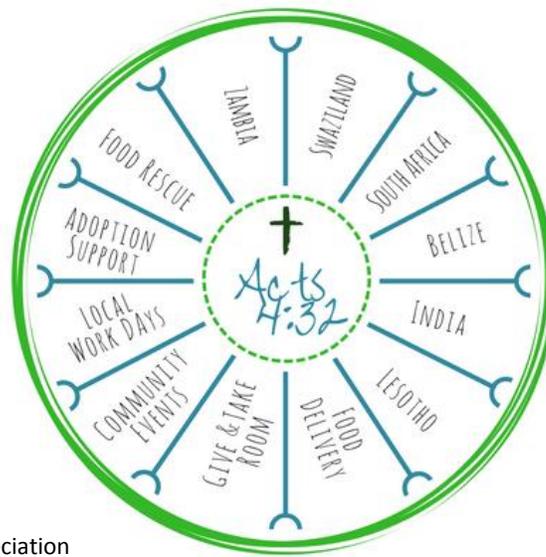
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**OUR PURPOSE**

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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- 05/04/2019: Open House & Volunteer Appreciation
- 05/17/2019: [Help Move Food Boxes](#)
- 05/18/2019: [Monthly Food Delivery](#)
- 05/23/2019: [Start of Camping Week](#)

**SALT AND LIGHT**

**Event Highlight**

**Open House and Volunteer Appreciation**

On July 27, 2018, Grace Klein Community closed on a property in Hoover, AL. We began work immediately on much needed repairs to restore this home for the vision God has given us. "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.

Join us on **May 4th, 2019, between 4pm and 8pm, at 3416 Deerwood Circle, Hoover, AL 35216** as we gather together to appreciate volunteers, individual donors, and business sponsors... BUT most importantly, to give thanks to our Mighty Father who has done more than we could have asked or imagined for the home. If you are able, we encourage all to park at the Hoover Dog Park and walk up the hill to provide a space for those who require easy accessibility.

Refreshments will be provided. [Pinky Fancy Faces](#) will be treating the kiddos to face painting, we will have jumpy house provided by George Lawton of Re/Max Advantage, a mini drum circle, and a bonfire will be lit later in the evening for Smore's with friends and a sparkler celebration finale!





## Camping Week

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 24, 2019, and end Sunday, June 2, 2019, at Oak Mountain State Park. Sites A41, A43, A40, A39 and A37 have been booked close together and we will share all common meals on one of these sites.

We plan unique meals every evening, salads, dips and sandwiches for lunches and a mix of hot and cold meals for breakfast options. As a frame of reference, some meals we've shared in the past include: fishfrys, kabobs, grilled chicken, shrimp and grits, hamburgers and hotdogs, grilled veggies etc. We eat good!

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“For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.” – Psalm 36:9

## Local Efforts

### The Give and Take Room Challenge

“Natalie and Jenny asked me to wear nothing but Give and Take Room clothing for a week, and I was truly excited about this opportunity. In case it was not made obvious by my hoard of laundry, I love getting fun, quirky clothes that are new to me; however, it only seemed fair that I do a purge before bringing in a whole new batch of goodies. I am a highly sentimental person, so parting with some items was difficult, but I eventually brought three black bags of dresses, shirts, and skirts that I felt had served their purpose in my life. They were still cute clothes and in good condition, but I am at a different place in my life than those dresses represent. And that is okay...I think I started getting emotional giving away many of the things I loved wearing in college, because I felt like it was closing a chapter in my life.

In many ways, I was; but all good writing ends with a cliffhanger, that propels us into the next chapter! My week of using the Give and Take Room was a lot of fun!”

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### GKC Flash Mob!!!

Grace Klein LOVES our donors! We love and appreciate them so much, we have decided to show them in living color, by surprising them in their place of business, with a GKC flash mob!! This month we chose Trader Joe's, without whom we would not be able to have our Sunday Trade Markets or offer such a large variety and selection of unique foods to our growing community. We love the fun culture in the Trader Joe's stores and wanted to express our appreciation in a manner that would completely embrace their atmosphere.

We had a recent serve team make loads of cardboard “Thank You” signs, embellished with pieces of actual TJ's shopping bags, our staff all donned traditional Hawaiian shirts just like the staff wear at Trader Joe's (generously loaned by community members Bill and Susan Slappey), and we busted up into the store singing a cadence that sounded a little something like this... [READ MORE](#)

### We Sew Love – 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report

Since the time of our last report (October 2018) much has happened in the We Sew Love world! In October we held our first Open House. In addition to more than 80 attendees, we also birthed another WSL group in the area: We Sew Love-Pawnee Missionary Baptist Church. This group, coordinated by Clara Christopher, is a vital ministry within their church and community as well as becoming significant participants at We Sew Love-HBC.

When Hurricane Gordon hit the gulf coast last fall, WSL responded by shifting gears and creating quilts for our neighbors down south. As coordinators for north and central Alabama, we delivered over 70 quilts in December and 10 more in February. [READ MORE](#)





### **Global Efforts** **Bring on the Shoes!**

We are delighted to share the exciting news that the Director of the Kwathu Children’s Home, in Livingstone, Zambia, will be coming for his very first visit to the United States of America on May 12, 2019. If you have a business, social club, church group or want an excuse to invite over your neighbors, please help us book his calendar to share about the Kwathu Children’s Home. He will be in country May 12 - June 10, 2019. Email [natalie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:natalie@gracekleincommunity.com) to book a slot.

We are also hoping to surprise him with a massive shoe drive. If you can help us collect any size or type shoes at your business, school, church, sports team, bunco group or book study, we would be so delighted. [READ MORE](#)

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” – John 1:5

### **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.



### **Better Together**

**“But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” – Ruth 1:16**

There is no more fitting verse in the Bible to describe these two ladies than this passage from Ruth. Besides the fact that one is named Ruthie and the other Barbara, the two are virtually inseparable, just like in this Scripture. It’s a rarity to find one at Grace Klein Community working without the other and they most always ride together wherever they go.

The funniest thing about these two friends is their almost incessant bickering and playful jabs at each other to pass the time while they work. They would tell you they do not like each other one bit and they try so hard to keep up the façade, but the truth always wins out and you can see the love they have for each other is as real as the love that they share with everyone that comes into Grace Klein. [READ MORE](#)

### **You are FAM now!**

**“In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.” – Isaiah 30:15**

Carlo Edwin Blanca Bustos is the definition of the above Bible verse. Have you ever known someone that spoke volumes without ever saying a word? Or could enter a building and just start working without making a sound? And manages to get everything done before anyone notices that they are there? This is our friend Carlo.

Carlo has been at Grace Klein Community volunteering while on a sabbatical of sorts from Mexico City. He came here to improve his English, but in the process, he helped improve us. Carlo shows up on any given morning and without even having to ask what needs to be done, immediately finds things to do. He is as hard-working and dependable as they come and will always go the extra mile to help see a project to completion.

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## Rejoice With Those Who Rejoice

Covenant Heating and Cooling celebrated their 5 year anniversary on April 15, 2019, and we drove on out to Alabaster, AL, to celebrate with them! We had to raise a Hallelujah for what our Father has done. They had the grill going with hotdogs and hamburgers, some amazing relish sauce, all the toppings, chips and drinks to praise God for His great provision and to thank customers, friends, family and employees for supporting them as they celebrate a joyous milestone.

They even had a drawing to enter for a free duct cleaning or a one-year maintenance contract! Sneak peek - Grace Klein Community is on their schedule for a duct cleaning service at the new community house, The House on the Hill. [READ MORE](#)



"This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." – Ephesians 5:14

### Octane

Did that amazing waft from heaven hit you when you walked in our door? We have a new partner with Uptown Birmingham Octane and have already received two gives. Volunteers will be grinding the whole beans as we realized many of our food recipients do not own personal coffee grinders. Want to plan a coffee grinding day with some friends? You can even brew a pot of coffee to drink while you serve. Please email [tracie@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:tracie@gracekleincommunity.com) to sign up as a volunteer barista!

### Trickle Out Tenfold

Spring is here, He has risen, and with the changing season, our volunteers are also rising to the challenges! This month, GKC has been blessed with a smattering of hard working, caring children, teens, and adults. All of us understand how physically hard the work can be and we deeply appreciate every ounce of effort you guys invest into our office operations, the House on the Hill project and other community endeavors.

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### Speed Networking

[Pure Fitness Vestavia](#) operates with an open door policy to bless other Birmingham businesses through morning speed networking quarterly events in partnership with Grace Klein Community. We always have hot coffee, breakfast treats and fun door prizes to share. We had a packed house of almost 90% new to us business contacts on April 11, 2019. We love our Birmingham businesses and cannot wait to hear how God blesses them with new work.



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

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**THANK YOU** to the 77 individuals and families as well as the 15 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

### MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

"For us at [Cutstone Company](#), the decision to partner with GKC for the House on the Hill was simple. We had been searching for ways to put feet to our faith within our business and God provided in a big way! We are humbled to be able to contribute to an organization that regularly pours mercy and grace into so many within our community. Thank you for letting us walk alongside you all in this ministry."

