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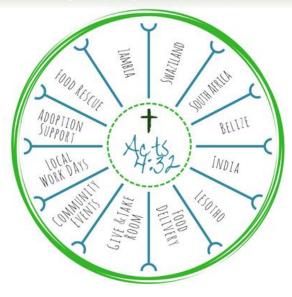
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OUR PURPOSE

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 Speed Networking for a Cause – April 11, 2019

Join Grace Klein Community and Pure Fitness for SPEED NETWORKING FOR A CAUSE.

When? Thursday, April 11, 2019 Time? 08:30 AM – 9:30 AM Location? 1425 Montgomery Hwy Ste 115, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Coffee and light breakfast will be provided. Bring a door prize and your business cards!

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Senior Grocery Program

Every partnership Grace Klein Community builds, seems to result in a whirlwind of positivity. Our community is blessed with relationships with some of the finest organizations Birmingham has to offer, bringing unexpected fortune to the rest of us. This past month, GKC was trained in The Community Foodbank of Central Alabama's (CFCA) up-and-coming Senior Grocery Program. We could not be more ecstatic to be a part of this opportunity! GKC has currently been serving over seventy older adults through our Monthly Food Delivery program with the donations from our local good Samaritans as well as purchased non-perishables from the CFCA. Thanks to federal support from the Senior Grocery Program, GKC will be able to serve more older adults, as well as use more donated funds to help in other areas of the community. READ MORE

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Local Efforts

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Floodgates Faith Run

Community men have come every Saturday and our God has held the rain for the deck progress and yard clean up. Teenagers, and their vital leaders, from FBC Birmingham and Shades Mountain Baptist have stormed the land with helping hands from yard clean up to toiletry organization, from breaking up pallets to writing encouraging notes, from wood splitting to shoe sorting. The firemen have popped by for a visit the last two Saturdays, a secret giver worked chainsaw magic to cut up downed trees, the plumber has the downstairs pipes in and we are ready to cover them with concrete, the electricians have hung many of the lights, the master vanity is installed, Cutstone Co. committed to donate the kitchen sink and granite countertops, Cahaba Glass is donating the repairs to four broken glass panes, Latta Paint & Floor committed to complete the exterior painting, friends from Florida are sponsoring the linens for four twin beds, and on and on the blessings flow. READ MORE



Clove - serve - share - repeat > Proud Sponsor of GKC The Garage Tride Tride

Give HIM Everything

We are honored to announce The Garage in Pelham as our Platinum sponsor for 2019. The Garage has supported Grace Klein Community for the past 4 years. We take our GKC vehicles and employee vehicles to The Garage AND we recommend using The Garage for all of your service needs.

The Garage believes in creating relationships built on trust with each of their clients. Giving back to the community is also a priority at The Garage. Every month they select a different non-profit charity. Grace Klein Community is blessed to be the charity for March!!

Knowing The Garage is stepping out to invest in our organization, we are believing God to give them back double what they have shared with us. We cannot wait to hear how fast God does that!!

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Our New Shelves

On Monday February 25, during our weekly staff meeting, we talked about how our good ole faithful shelves were falling apart. By THE FOLLOWING Monday, March 4, we had new shelves in place thanks to carpenters from Sketches & Screws Design Co., Grace Klein Construction, Inc., the youth of Deerfoot Baptist Church, Meadow Brook Baptist Church, LIFT Student Ministries-Morningstar UMC and other community volunteers.

Our staff dismantled the old and worn out shelves right after that first staff meeting. We reached out to Jacob Dorris of Sketches & Screws Design Co. and he and Jason, of Grace Klein Construction, Inc. collaborated together to create a basic, functional and durable design. READ MORE





Welcome to the World

Our dear family and partners in the Gospel, from Beats and Books of Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa, welcomed their second son into the world.

Yosefe Nathaniel Ngosa Born on Thursday, March 14, 2019 At 21:51hr CST / 04:51am SAST 53.3cm / 21 inches 3.51kg / 7lb 12

They were blessed to be cared for by a birthing center in Summertown, TN, through natural child birth. READ MORE

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." – Psalm 139:14

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.



Living Abundantly

Angelica was referred to us through one of our partners and says one of the best things about GKC is how amazingly she sees God move while she's here. "Jesus has come to give us life so we can live abundantly. Every time I come to GKC I don't leave with my hands empty. God is helping me abundantly. God does not give because we are good kids, God loves us and gives generously. His grace is greater than we can understand. He puts us in positions so we can experience his love, so we can understand when He says, I will never leave you, never forsake you.

GKC currently helps me with food, however the prayers of the GKC team members have a big impact in my life." READ MORE

Justice, Love and Mercy

Donna has been volunteering with us for over a year and it all started by a small toiletry donation after she saw the GKC truck in her neighborhood. In curiosity, Donna reached out to give and hasn't slowed down since! These days, Donna uses her heart of mercy and compassion that she cultivates at the county jail to love and console our visitors while they are at Grace Klein. Donna says that, "God continues to show me how very blessed I am. Like everyone else, I've faced my own challenges, but God shows me how small and insignificant my challenges can be compared to some of the thing's others have experienced." READ MORE



Rescued Food Recipes

Shannon has volunteered with Grace Klein Community since 2010 and has blessed us with her time and gifts in so many ways, including being an instrumental part of connecting us to one of our food box ministry host churches. She will tell you that she has seen God move in countless ways at Grace Klein over the years through answered prayers, needs met and changed lives. Shannon has delivered food boxes for so long, recipients are now considered family. She feels that the community of volunteers are priceless and among some of the most special relationships she has ever made

We at Grace Klein Community feel the same way about Shannon and we want to share her with all of you in a new way. Starting this month, we will begin a new series featuring Shannon's recipe's created from rescued food! READ MORE

Samford University Internship Program

On March 7, 2019, the Samford University College of Health and Sciences spoiled Natalie Spronk and Jenny Waltman by including us in a Field Instructors Luncheon. We were then provided the opportunity to share about Grace Klein Community at Samford University's Social Work Field Site Fair.

Look at our joyful intern, Cassidy Clevenger sporting a new outfit from our Give and Take Room, representing the beautiful concept of sharing. She will be completing her year internship with us in April 2019. We will try to find words later as we are not ready for goodbyes. READ MORE



"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." – James 1:17

The King's Way

THANK YOU to King's Way Church for sharing potatoes, bell peppers and chips with Grace Klein Community this month. We are honored to feed people alongside you.

We have a mutual hope, how the simplicity and practicality of a box of food will bring relational healing and new life to the hearts of people. We give out all the things, including your shared potatoes, bell peppers and chips because of the hope of Jesus.

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His Servants Doing His Will

Our community engagement continues to be phenomenal. We are blessed with partners from all around Birmingham. 28 serve teams in first quarter 2019 compared to 36 serve teams for the entire 2018 year.

According to the old adage, March showers bring April flowers. Yes, certainly March has been a rainy one, but at Grace Klein Community, this sentiment has a second meaning.

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Holy Moments

In case you missed it... March 2019 included the gifting of a much needed car to a granddaddy raising his grand-babies.

Roy Curry is a long-term volunteer, community member and friend! He has delivered food boxes, through our monthly food delivery ministry, for over nine years.

During that time, he's only missed one month.

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THANK YOU to the 93 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



thank you



THANK YOU to the 99 individuals and families as well as the 17 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

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