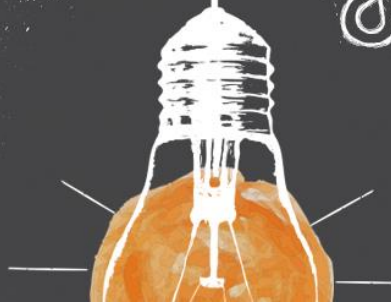


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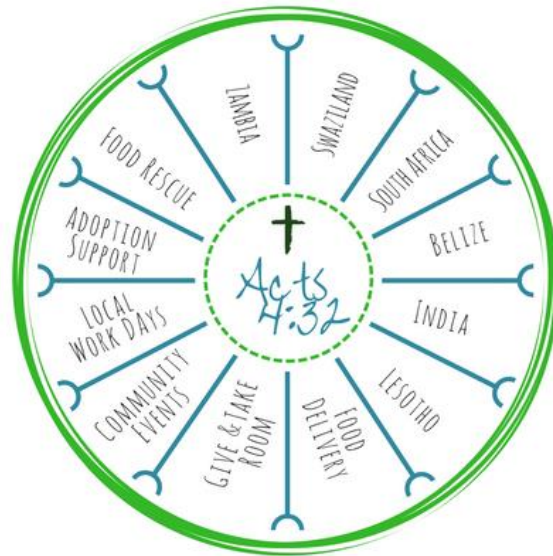
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OUR PURPOSE

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

On July 16, 2019, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly Networking for a Cause event at Embassy Suites in Hoover.

[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.

Please join us for an evening of networking, speed networking from 6 pm - 7 pm, free appetizers, door prizes and a silent auction. Let us know you are coming: [RSVP HERE](#)

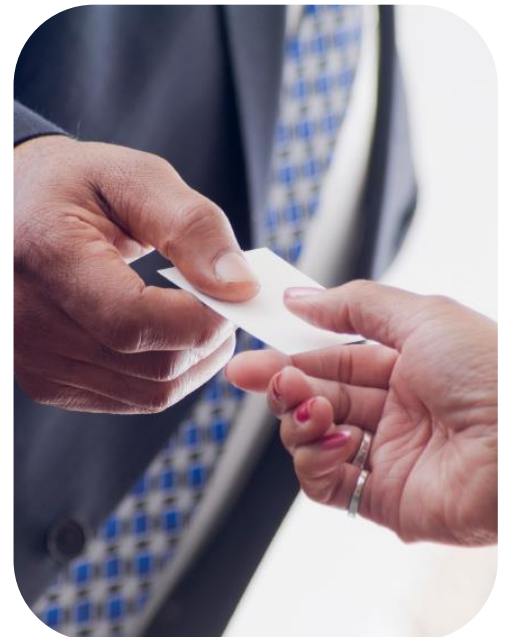
Admission is FREE! Donate a canned good or bring a door prize!

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Embassy Suites, 2960 John Hawkins Parkway, Hoover, AL 35244

If you are interested in attending or donating a door prize or silent auction item, please contact Rachael Cannon via 777-8455 or rachael@gracekleincommunity.org





No More Safety Pins

Grace Klein Community, in partnership with Liberty Church, will be hosting our 4th annual No More Safety Pins event benefitting the [Food Delivery Outreach Program](#) of Grace Klein Community. No More Safety Pins is a clothing trade event for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time for sorting, tagging, and safety pins. Clothing children for the next season does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker. Help us serve and unite families in Birmingham.

Trade Days:

August 2, 2019: 10 AM – 3 PM (Early Shoppers Only)

August 2, 2019: 5 PM – 9 PM

August 3, 2019: 8 AM – 4 PM

[READ MORE](#)

“Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.” – Psalm 97:11

„Ἡ ἰσχυρὴ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἐξουσιάζει ἐν ἡμῖν, ὡς ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν.” – 1 Πέτρος 4:10

Local Efforts

Single Mom Connect

A dear friend and member of ministry partner, Church of the Highlands - Grandview, Kelly Williams, felt the Lord impress on her heart to love on Birmingham Single Mamas. Having been in the position herself, Kelly deeply connects with mamas walking through difficult decisions and financial struggles as they journey through their season of single parenthood.

On July 13, 2019, in partnership with Grace Klein Community, Single Mom Connect will be hosting a special event gifting single moms with much needed school supplies for the coming year. Grace Klein Community is honored to partner with Single Mom Connect in their efforts to provide some financial relief to these homes through the blessing of school supplies.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the list of items we are collecting to care for these families.



Our Three-Legged Stool

In Christianity and sociology, as well as other fields like economics, philosophy, and politics, there is the something called the *three-legged stool theory*. This theory explains three core principles that can only be upheld when all three parts are working together. Without the support of all the pillars, the once useful stool is little more than modern art lying on the floor. In Christianity, the legs are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In sociology, the legs are the three main systems in our society: micro, mezzo, and macro.

At GKC, we aim to serve the community at all three of these levels--as someone who has been a part of the community for about a year, it seems as though few people are privy to see all the three sides of the mission. Many volunteers often work under one or two pillars of the GKC stool, but do not get to see the full picture. [READ MORE](#)

Global Efforts

Dakar Academy, Senegal – The Miracles Behind the Numbers

First year teaching: L.O.V.E.

“My first year teaching is finished. Summer has officially begun and during my time off I wanted to THANK YOU for walking close this past year in Dakar. I found comfort in the Father through every challenge and joy as I was reminded my Prayer Covering, in all of you, literally had my back.

But what I learned most was LOVE. Repeatedly. Loudly. Boldly. LOVE. Even in a new language and context the purpose of God is still love.” [READ MORE](#)



LXP Lesotho – Stand Out

"At the end of April we hosted our "STAND OUT" themed camp for 68 campers and leaders. We explored how God created each one of us uniquely special, and how as followers of Christ we are called to stand out from the world and be different from those who don't know the Lord. When we act like Jesus we shine like a city on a hill; others are impacted by our example and drawn to God's gift of salvation.

The most notable aspect of this camp was the way it rained from the time we arrived, straight through until the time we got home! Apart from a few hours of sun one afternoon, which allowed for some games outside, all of the sessions, meals, activities, and games were executed inside the hall. However, rather than being a hindrance, the weather-induced close quarters fostered a sense of intimacy and the kids said it made for a memorable camp experience." [READ MORE](#)



"Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun." – Ecclesiastes 11:7

BETTER TOGETHER

ἵνα ὡς ἓκαστος ἡμῶν ἓν σῶμα ἐστίμεν, ἀλλὰ ἕκαστος ἡμῶν ἄλλο ἔργον ἔχει, ὡς ὁ σῶμα τοῦ κυρίου, ἐν ᾧ ἡμεῖς ἓκαστος μέλη ἐσμέν, ὅτι ἕκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ ὅλῳ προσκολληθήσεται.

"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.



Our Louisiana Lady

"Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young women." – Song of Solomon 2:2

"Every day is a new day at Grace Klein Community. From the food we rescue, to the clothes we receive and even the volunteers that walk through our doors, we never really know what we are going to get... but we welcome it all. Occasionally we will have someone volunteer that needs community service hours and elects to fill them at GKC. This is how we met Gretta Daughenbaugh.

Gretta originally came to Grace Klein, along with a few other residents of a local transitional home, to serve one day in exchange for hours of credit. Most people see having to work community hours as an irritation or an annoyance, but Gretta used her situation as a place to shine. What we, nor Gretta would realize at the time was, a Divine exchange took place that day in Gretta's heart and ours. What started out as a few hours, maybe once a week, has turned into a daily love affair for her with GKC. Gretta has been coming almost every single day, not for the hours, but for the fellowship. Gretta works so hard and is as dedicated as they come. It's not unusual for her to forget about asking for a "sign off" her community service hours each week because she comes out of love and purpose... and it shows! [READ MORE](#)

Sharing Changes the World

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Khloe is a cheerful giver. Here at Grace Klein Community it is all about give and take. She comes with her grandmother Ruth and gives her time, joy and treasure to help others. She takes a little here and there, which helps conserve and reduce waste. Instead of buying something new, she just takes something that someone doesn't use anymore.

In the two months that Khloe has been visiting us she has helped us serve so many people. Either helping Ms. Ruth in the Give & Take room, simply spreading joy by being friendly and caring, or sharing her love of crafts with the staff.

Khloe's joy is contagious and unbridled. She is a treasure to our organization and each of the thousands of people we serve every month. [READ MORE](#)





Worship on the Hill

On July 8, 2019, join us at The House on the Hill for an evening of delicious food, great fellowship and a sweet time of worship. [Amy Lucas Gonzalez](#) will be leading us in a worship and testimony with some of our favorite throwback worship songs.

A special thank you to LongHorn Steakhouse for providing dinner for the evening!

Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for full address details and to RSVP.

*“What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and grieves to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer;
Oh what peace we often forfeit of what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.”*

“Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “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

Magic City Con

Our community is incredible! When we received a short notice surprise of Grace Klein Community being selected as the charity of choice for the Magic City Con, twenty-two volunteers jumped in to help with set up, hosting of our table for three days and final clean up. Something special happens when a bunch of individuals come together to serve and demonstrate the love of Christ. Bring out your swords, we fight the darkness with Truth.
We are the Light Side.

Walmart Gift and Serve Day

A \$2,000 grant from Walmart and all their managers came to serve with us for our Friday food box prep before Saturday food delivery. Talk about efficiency! These managers prepared 150 boxes in an hour. They roll with optimism, laughter and respect. We look forward to meeting more of the staff from the Walmart Neighborhood Market Hoover as they send more of the team to come serve with us in the days and months ahead. We may have some surprises for them too!!

Couch to 5K Exercise Class

Mondays from 4:45pm-5:45pm you will find a team of amazing community members holding each other accountable and preparing for a September 5k. The crew meet at the House on the Hill on Mondays and you still have time to jump in. Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for the location address. Make new friends, bring a friend along and come share life with us. Walking is more than one foot in front of the other. We are building community!



THANK YOU to the 88 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



thank you



THANK YOU to the 100 individuals and families as well as the 13 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL BUSINESS PARTNERS

“After participating in several projects with Grace Klein Community, I see the impact their work makes first-hand, changing the lives of so many people in our community. After witnessing the results, who else could I give to? Real, tangible change is exactly what I hope to achieve down the road and I can start now. I want to do more than just tinker with a few tables and chairs—I want to make an impact. To meet that end, 10% of all profits will be donated to Grace Klein Community. Call it my tithe.” – Jacob Dorris, [Sketches and Screws](#)

Almost every week, Sketches and Screws completes another project and Grace Klein Community scores another 10%. What an honor to be chosen for such a noble share. Support the small businesses who support us.

