

APRIL - JUNE 2023



# HUSTLE AND HEART SET US APART

MESSAGE FROM

**OUR FOUNDER:** 

During a Ladies Night in June, a team member looked at me and said, "thank you for teaching us to leave the 99 to **go for the one**." The next day, I was sitting by a gentleman in a meeting and his name seemed familiar. He explained he is from Ohio, but ever since 2020, when he comes to Birmingham for a visit, he serves with us at Grace Klein Community. I had never met him, and I thanked him. Then, he handed me a beat-up penny and he told me, "I feel like God wants me to remind you, He sees your heart. **Never stop going for the one**." (Matthew 18:10-14)

To **Be a Game Changer** is about the one. If we, as a collective, are going to take Birmingham (or Alabama), we have to **go for the one**. Who can we love today? Who is in our path? Who is helping us load food donations, weighing in rescued food, driving through for a food box, sorting tomatoes for the farmers, joining us at the table to share a meal... GO FOR THE ONE.

When I think about the donors, volunteers, and recipients of Grace Klein Community, **hustle and heart set us apart**. Every person I meet through Grace Klein is committed to serving our community through our food rescue initiative FeedBHM, our drive-thru locations and community partners who distribute the food, the farmers who we purchase from and donate to, the serve teams who give their time and financial support, and our grantors and donors who support our infrastructure and big vision ideas with their courageous contributions. Every person moves for the one, for what their yes will do to impact our city. And I am more and more in awe of our unified yes.

" I feel like God wants me to remind you, He sees your heart. Never stop going for the one. " When people think of Grace Klein Community, may they always think of Jesus,



# **MORGAN UMC** TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

In the first two quarters, 933 volunteers said yes to the Morgan Miracles project, giving 3,116 volunteer hours and providing a wage savings of \$93,324.20 at this location alone. We have raised \$116,989.80 of the \$442,000 goal and will be focused in the third quarter on the completion of the renovations, believing we will be fully operational from the Morgan UMC location by September 30, 2023, for our FeedBHM HUB.



### OUTSTANDING GOAL: \$325,000

Help us get there by donating at MORGAN.GKCBHM.ORG

We have had a soft opening for our Community Outreach Hall including: We Sew Love, Diaper and Wipes support, shoe collections, and our Give and Take Room. Onsite staff and volunteers are available to assist the community Monday through Friday from 9 am - 4 pm. Pop by one day for a tour!

The garden project is thriving, and we are already harvesting food. We have installed two rain barrels for water conservation and look forward to constructing a recycling house for cardboard, pallets, and aluminum cans to ensure these products are repurposed and avoid a trip to the landfill.

The official grand opening will likely take place in early fall! Stay tuned for details.

### Rounding second base... third quarter here we come!

METRICS	COMPLETE TO DATE	2023 GOAL
DONATIONS (CASH)	\$545,302	\$1,572,800
DONATIONS (IN-KIND)	\$6,522,850	\$13,900,000
POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED	1,325,709	3,000,000
VOLUNTEER Hours	41,564	80,135
FOOD Distribution Partners	141	340
FOOD DONORS	152	276
FOOD RESCUE Heroes	305	500
PEOPLE FED (UNIQUE)	174,765	420,000

9 out-of-state serve teams and 60 local serve teams, plus our food rescue heroes, families, and individuals have contributed 41,564 volunteer hours, a savings of \$1,244,841.80 wage dollars for the organization.

## THANK YOU TO OUR

# **TOURNAMENT SPONSORS!**

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# **GRIEVING WITH**



On June 16th, our UAB Americorps VISTA team member Cooper Moore worked overtime to serve the community and receive a late-night donation of watermelons. A week later, he attended the funerals of three best friends, after being the sole survivor of a car accident on Saturday evening, June 17th.

What if your life ended tomorrow or you lost three of your best friends, which you have today? Considering bad things do happen, how are you living today? Do you know Jesus? Do you know He died for you?! All of Cooper's friends had a personal relationship with Jesus so today they are in eternity WITH Jesus.

They did not know June 17th was their last day, but they believed Jesus died for them and forgave them of their wrongs and they accepted His grace. Through their faith in Him they lived their lives surrendered to Him. They lived in His love. You can too!! Not only will you have abundant life for eternity, but abundant life right now.

If you have questions about having a relationship with Jesus, reach out to us. Jesus is the greatest treasure and He is holding Cooper, his family, and all impacted.



Support these families through continuous prayer and **SCAN THE QR** to give.







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THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEEDBHM!!

# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Join our Back-to-School Supplies Drive at GKC and empower local students with the tools they need to succeed. Many families face financial challenges in affording basic school supplies, hindering students' academic progress. By donating items such as notebooks, pens, backpacks, and more, you can boost student confidence and engagement in the classroom. Your support fosters a sense of community and sends a powerful message of encouragement.

Drop Off Address: 2701 Morgan Rd, Bessemer, AL 35022

Monday-Friday 9AM - 4PM



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### **JOIN OUR FOOD DELIVERY TEAM:**

# **BE A GAME CHANGER**

Are you passionate about making a meaningful difference? Join our volunteer delivery driver team and bridge the gap between our food drivethru site and homebound individuals who rely on our services. By dedicating a few hours each week, you will ensure those who cannot access our in-person services will receive the nourishing meals they need. With flexibility, rewarding connections, comprehensive training, and easy implementation, becoming a driver is simple. Start your journey today and make a lasting impact by scanning the QR code below. Together, let's build a stronger, supportive community.



SCAN TO JOIN OUR TEAM!

