GRACE KLEIN
<COMMUNITY>

2024 YEAR-IN REVIEW

A LETTER FROM OUR *Founder*

"God has wired me to charge forward in obedience to Him and to believe the impossible. My leadership style is burn the boat, pray, dream big and execute. My eyes fill with tears when my brain circles back and tries to comprehend what our God has done over the years.

- We gave away our first food boxes to 58 families in October 2009.
- In October 2010 we raised our first donations which totaled $14,524 for the entire year.
- We were 100% volunteer run for 5 years, only hiring our first employee in 2013.
- Since our inception until now, a span of 15 years, we show a 34,314.02% in financial growth, not including in-kind donations.

Did you know the average 15-year non-profit grows 5% annually?

Thank you for your "yes" to a real time, beautiful and extravagant, unfolding story only Jesus could write.

*"I will take my stand at my watch post and station myself on the tower and look out to see **what He will say to me**, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.*

*And the Lord answered me: **"Write the vision, make it plain on tablets, so He may run who reads it.** For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it will hasten to the end - it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but **the righteous shall live by his faith**." - Habakkah 2:1-4*

For the first quarter of 2025, we have written a clear vision so we can run and accomplish what only God can do through our shared community "yes."

1. March for Hunger with $1 million in financial donations: marchforhunger.gkcbhm.org
2. Book 300 serve teams: volunteer.feedbhm.org
3. Activate 500 food rescue heroes and 500 food donors: https://app.foodrescue.us
4. Deploy 450 food collection barrels: barrel.feedbhm.org
5. Secure $5 million of in-kind food/non-food donations

We will work as a team. **We will all do our part** of the puzzle and together we will take the city, the state, the nation, the world for Jesus. **We will share the love of Jesus with every person we meet**. We will not deviate from our mission to be an organization who puts people over process.

We will take the interruptions. We will pray for people. We will listen. We will ask questions. **We will empower our community to love our neighbors** as we love ourselves.

We will listen to God and bring forth ideas for the greater good. We all commit to do what God tells us to do as **we live on mission for Jesus** together. We will do everything with excellence, and we will have fun doing it. We will pray and we will walk together in the favor of God because we believe God and **we choose to live by faith every single day**.

With all my heart, I believe God will use us, his humble servants, to do more for the Kingdom of God than we can hope or imagine. **Get up and move with us**, and if you can, through the power of God run!"

It's Not About Us,

Did You Know?! Our community homes hosted 233 individuals from 19 states and 6 countries demonstrating our intentionality to relational connection, meaningful conversations and serving Jesus together.

Visit **donate.gkcbhm.org** to share the love of Jesus with our community through food and other immediate tangible needs.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

- God gave us a partnership with Pathways United Methodist Church, a new location expansion for GKC operations in Pelham, AL. We received the keys on 12/17/24 and hosted our first community gathering on 1/26/2025.
- We prayed to raise $1.75M in cash donations, God provided $5M.
- We prayed to engage and equip 200 serve teams, God gave us 240.
- We prayed to empower 175 interns, God sent 247.
- We prayed to increase volunteer hours to 150,000. God fueled 158,018 hours.

God surprised us with 15 new staff, 4 fleet vehicles, a bobcat for loading and unloading pallets, 13 fridges and freezers, a floor scale, electric pallet jacks, compost trash cans, and new technology advancements.

564 ACTIVE FOOD HEROES

320 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

423 LOCAL FOOD DONORS

14,651 FOOD RESCUE PICK-UPS

263,192 FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED

617,316 PEOPLE FED

2.2 M MEALS PROVIDED

2,691,589 POUNDS RESCUED

LOCAL & GLOBAL MINISTRY

Our local initiatives continued to grow and thrive in 2024. The **GKC Chef Club** provided 11,179 emergency meals, addressing immediate food needs for individuals and families in our community. The **GKC Garden Club** cultivated 11 community gardens, sharing 2,100 pounds of produce and 1,483 plant propagations through the Grow More, Give More program, further promoting sustainability and community engagement. The **Give and Take Room** distributed items valued at $392,214.69 alongside our **Acts 4:32** virtual share platform with a distributed $45,325 to meet tangible needs with clothing and household goods. Through the **Love Does** program, 26,725 acts of kindness were shared, spreading love and hope across our community.

Our **We Sew Love** initiative upcycled and distributed donated clothing and materials valued at $146,115 to 97 local, 2 national and 14 global projects. 1,187 children received gifts through our **Christmas Support** efforts, while our **School Supply** initiative equipped 823 children with the tools they needed for a successful year, ensuring children have the opportunity to thrive. Our **Diaper Initiative**, in partnership with Bundles of Hope, provided 29,636 period products, 67,100 diapers, 103,140 wipes, and other essential baby care items, supporting more than 110 babies monthly across the community.

Supporting these efforts, our two annual fundraisers—the **Oliver Waltman/Waverly Advisors Golf Tournament** and the **Reindeer Dash**—raised $244,789.45 collectively. The funds raised directly supported **FEEDBHM's ministry efforts**, enabling Grace Klein Community to continue serving those in need.

On a global scale, we were privileged to host our **Global Partners**, including **Pearls of Slum** (India) and **Enza and Caitlin Kone'** (West Africa). Together, we exchanged ideas, shared resources, and taught strategies for replicating our ministry efforts in their respective regions. Our partners deepened relationships and enabled us to better support their prayer and operational needs while equipping them to extend their reach within their communities.

We also sent a team to South Africa to serve alongside **Beats and Books**, where we hosted an **Empowering Women's Conference**. The event inspired unity across racial, generational, and socio-economic boundaries. We replicated the conference in Birmingham, aiming to empower women and foster unity within our own community. Looking ahead, we plan to return to South Africa in 2024 to host conferences focused on empowering teachers, youth, women, and marketplace leaders.

The founders of **Kwathu Children's Home** and their children plan to visit in summer 2025 to meet many of the people who donated the 16,425 pairs of shoes in 2024 to help fund their school.

Our 2025 goal is 25,000 pairs!

2025 PRAYERS&VISION

- **Rescue** 3.2M pounds of food by engaging 800 active food rescue heroes.
- **Mobilize** 300 interns by investing and equipping them to become the leaders God has destined them to be.
- **Ignite** 500 serve teams to make a tangible impact within the community.
- **Create** 100,000 scripture cards to give to the individuals and families we serve.
- **Rally** 2,500 individuals to give a monthly financial donation.
- **Prepare** 1,000 children for a successful school year through essential supplies.
- **Extend** the compassion of Jesus to 1,500 children through intentional Christmas support.
- **Inspire** the city to rally together to contribute 175,000 volunteer hours into our local communities.
- **Launch** a food preservation kitchen to tackle food waste and educate the community.
- **Establish** two new food rescue hubs to maximize the intake and outflow of vital donations.

In 2025, your financial contribution is vital for the $2.4 million required to purchase and renovate our Pelham expansion, in addition to regular operations.

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INVEST IN GKC TODAY!

Check donations can be mailed to:

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