

# GRACE KLEIN QUARTERLY REPOR

### IT'S NOT ABOUT US



"How we experience God is unfathomable, but 100% real; crazy, but our everyday normal; improbable, but totally possible. We live in a thin space between vast unexplainable odds, mountains of challenges, and heavy circumstances, but in arms reach of the God of miracles.

To explain our operations, dependency, and desperation for God to show up is, in the simplest of ways, to invite you into a friendship with Jesus, to shatter religious culture, invade despair with hope, and face fear with faith.

The numbers we track are exorbitant, wild, and a life of their own, but behind all the swirl of activity, Jesus obedience and moving thousands of pounds of food, are people. Every day ordinary people who are being transformed from a life of mediocrity into a life of adventure, courage, prayer and a belief God will show up.

Sure, we are amazed when we are out of food, and the 18-wheeler comes, we need a fridge and someone shares, or the clothing a mama requests for her baby arrives five minutes before she does, but we are more fascinated by the "it's not about us" lifestyle we are learning to live right beside each other, in the trenches, when we are serving in the rain, rescuing flowers at midnight, or hosting a team from Texas and hearing how a girl's entire family was transformed and restored to Jesus, in one year, after we prayed.

The real thrill is realizing Jesus is transforming the lives of our staff, volunteers, donors, and food recipients and we cannot stop ourselves from inviting you into the story.

We welcome you into a community where we rely on Jesus to do what we cannot, to come laugh with us at all the "God got me" moments of His faithfulness, and to believe God when everything we know in the natural demands the supernatural.

With 82 people and organizations giving financially, we have raised \$523,530.32 towards the FeedBHM Pelham expansion and the inkind labor, tangible donations and volunteer hours given for the expansion project are valued at another \$657,920.12.

God is calling us to run towards the sea, believing for the water to push up high on each side, and expand before us into dry land as we walk by faith into the closing of the property with a check for \$1.3 million in our hands.

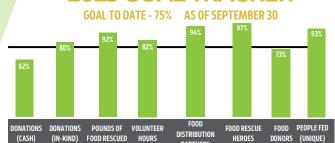
Now is the time to invest in what God is doing in the lives of people, not in the purchase of a building, but in what happens in the hearts of people who enter the building. We taste and see how good God is, and you cannot miss being a part of the hallelujah story.

Move money from giving accounts, donate stocks, write a check to Grace Klein Community, 1678 Montgomery Hwy #104, Box 304, Birmingham, AL 35216, Venmo at GraceKlein\_Community, or go online at donate.feedbhm.org with memo: building fund. Whatever your method, move because we need your gift, from excess or sacrifice, for God to transform lives with the love of Jesus."





#### 2025 GOAL TRACKER



METRICS	COMPLETE TO DATE	GOAL
DONATIONS (CASH)	\$2,694,498.74	\$4,355,255
DONATIONS (IN-KIND)	\$19,403,030.62	\$24,125,000
POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED	2,959,571	3,200,000
VOLUNTEER Hours	142,890	175,000
FOOD Distribution Partners	394	420
FOOD RESCUE Heroes	778	800
FOOD Donors	438	600
PEOPLE FED (UNIQUE)	581,847	625,000







#### **BARRELS: FILL 'ER UP**

359 barrels have been deployed throughout the city in the first three guarters. 241 more to go to reach our 2025 goal of 600! The barrels collect essential items such as non-perishable food, shoes, school supplies, and Christmas gifts. Generous contributions benefit families both locally and globally, making a significant impact in our community and beyond.

As we approach the holiday season, we invite you to consider hosting a barrel for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holiday food support and Christmas care will extend the love of Jesus to Birmingham families. Let us continue to spread hope and kindness together! If you are interested in hosting a barrel, visit barrel.gkcbhm.org.



### **NETWORKING AT NOON**

Grace Klein Community hosts monthly Networking at Noon to provide heart level networking and a complimentary lunch with like-minded business professionals.

A powerful testimony is the partnership between Linda Harper Music and Your Working Copy. Linda and Susan met at Networking at Noon and joined forces to combine Linda's Bible-based songs for kids with Susan's scripture readings, with a shared vision to place the special lambs into the hands of children in Alabama's government housing.

A huge thank you to our 8 lunch sponsors: Primerica, Texas Roadhouse, Cadence Bank, Troup's Pizza, Papa John's, Iz Cafe & Catering, Midway Diner, and Irondale Cafe, who generously sponsored the luncheons in 2025, equipping us to invest in 181 unique attendees. Don't miss out on a creative space to grow your network and build relationships. **RSVP for our next event: networking.gkcbhm.org** 

## OVERFLOWING BACKPACKS: LEARNERS FOR LIFE

Thanks to the generosity of **31** businesses, **11** churches, **6** organizations, **3** schools, and more than **60** individuals, our school supply distribution served **2,318** students, more than double our original goal of **1,000!** 



One parent shared, "Our family was blessed to receive school supplies for our children which lifted a great burden and gave our kids confidence and excitement to begin the school year. We are grateful for Grace Klein Community and all the generous donors."

Education is a key indicator to breaking the cycle of poverty. Help us continue equipping students with school supplies and a passion for learning at backtoschool.gkcbhm.org.



### FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE: INNOVATE AND CREATE

Are we committed to a lifestyle of learning, aka, do we commit to learn something new every single day? Our summer job readiness and internship program, Elevate, is intended to welcome students into a new way of thinking to understand how education, from hands-on to classroom learning, flows into real life and compliments the disciplines needed to excel in the workforce as an innovative contributor. In 2025, we expanded the program to include college tours, responding to student feedback from last summer and helping them explore a wider range of future opportunities. The success of the program was made possible by generous support of 32 businesses, 5 churches, 2 grant funders, 1 school, and 12 individuals who provided meals, workshops, field trips, and more. Learn how you can play a role in shaping future leaders at elevate.gkcbhm.org.

### WHAT'S COMING AROUND THE BEND?



**30 GIFTS IN 30 DAYS** OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 20

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