



*Atlas: Lincoln*

# 2018-2023

## 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY REPORT

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# REFLECTIONS ON 5 YEARS...

## 5. Years.

It's hard to believe that amount of time has passed. So much can happen in 5 years.

We've seen dozens of people in our community say "yes" to mentoring relationships built on encouragement, support, care, accountability, and love for the "other." We've seen thousands of dollars raised, partnering alongside these relationships. Individuals, businesses, churches, foundations, and so many others have continued to make our work possible.

We've seen lives changed in ways that are sometimes surprising. Though the difficulties of life sometimes seem insurmountable, we strive for faithfulness in our call to love our neighbors and our neighborhood.

We know that addiction, homelessness, mental health struggles, incarceration, and generational trauma permeate the lives of our friends, mentees, and neighbors. Yet, we also know that everyone experiencing these struggles, and so many others, matters. They matter to Jesus, and they matter to us. Thank you for every prayer, hour spent, dollar given, and every other means of support you have provided to Atlas over the last half-decade. It has been and will continue to be a blessing.

-Brody M. Van Roekel, Director, Atlas: Lincoln



**Our first day...**



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## OUR MISSION

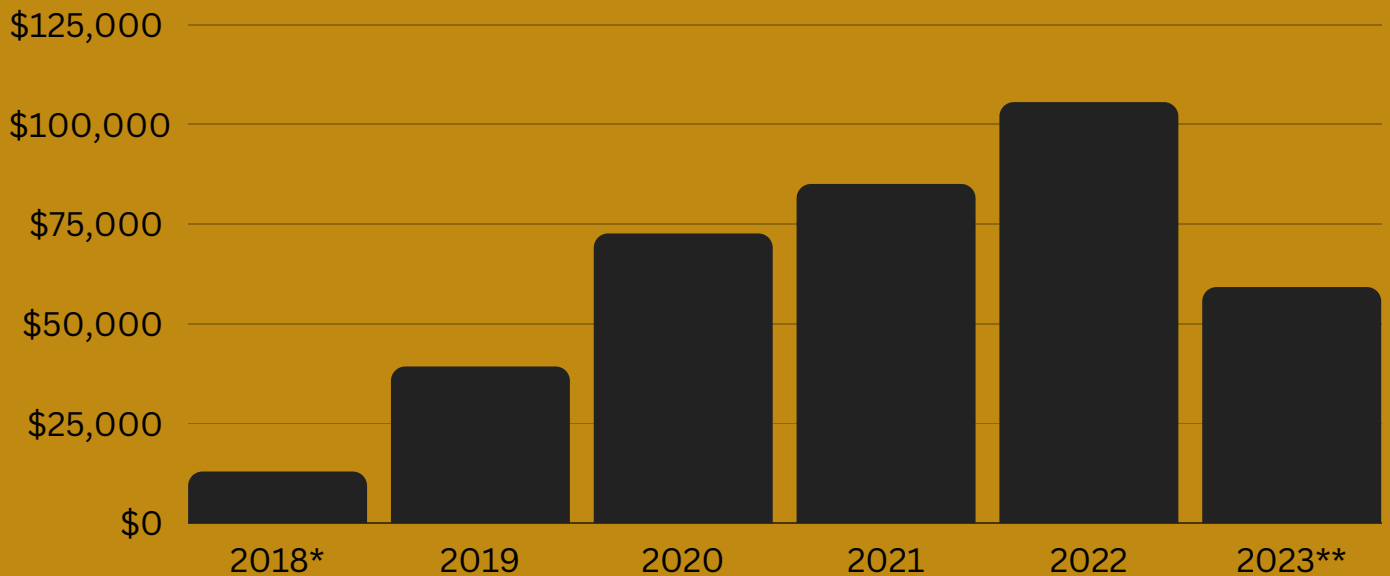
*Atlas exists to serve the people of Lincoln through local, intentional, and relational Christ-based peer-support*

## OUR VISION

*Creating a community of love throughout Lincoln, so that no one falls through the cracks.*

# 5 YEAR NUMBERS SNAPSHOT

## FUNDRAISING 2018\* - 2023\*\*



## MENTORSHIP 2018\* - 2023\*\*

3634

MENTEE  
HOURS

73

MENTOR  
PAIRINGS

121

MENTORS  
TRAINED

26

COMPLETED  
PAIRINGS

*\*Atlas opened August 1, 2018*

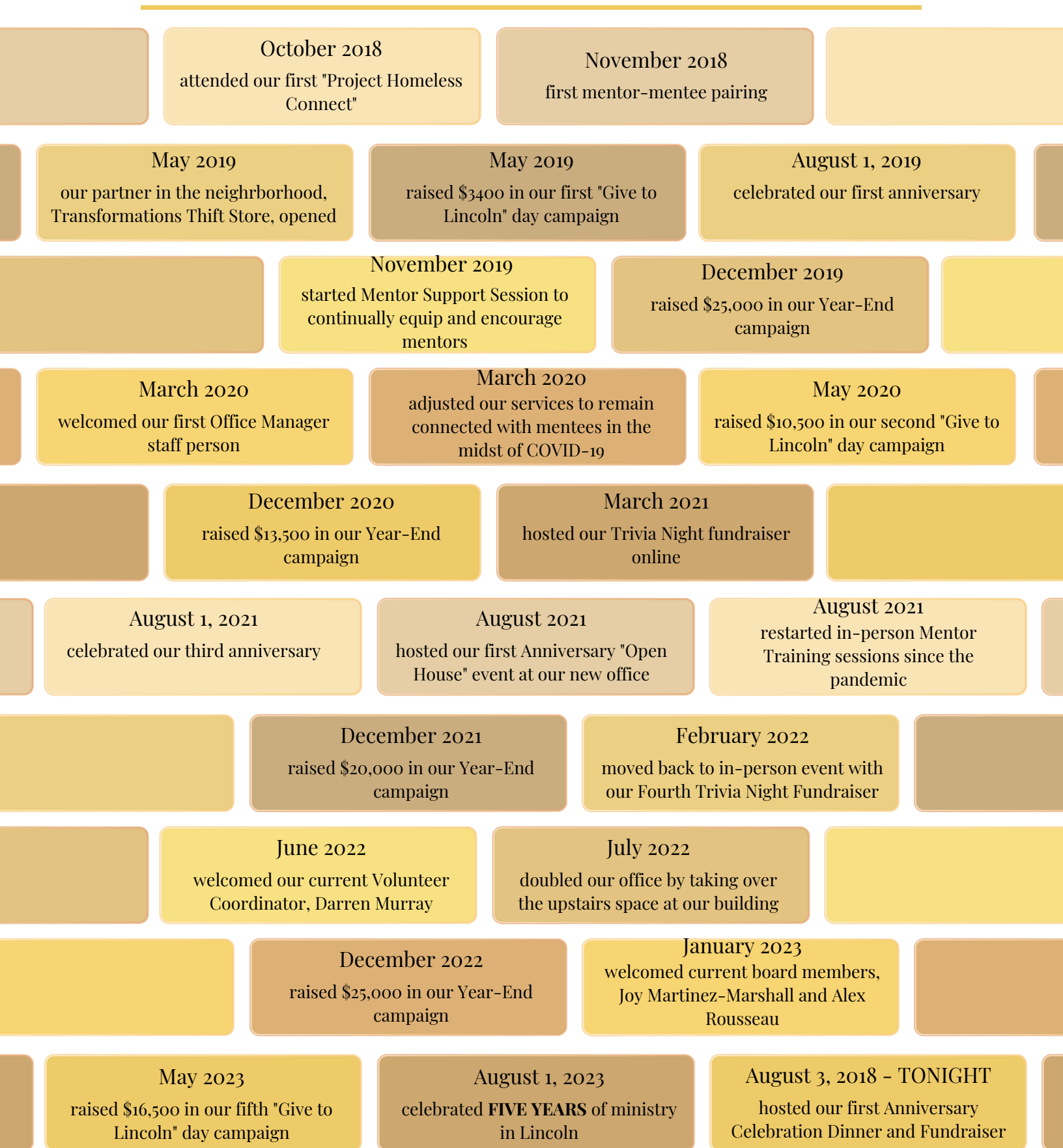
*\*\*Through June 2023*

## TIMELINE OF





## ATLAS: LINCOLN



## FLASHBACKS & STORIES



Sometimes there is nothing we can "do" to help people, but we can always "be" there with them.



He said, "This living room (our reception area) is warm and makes me feel safe. Thank you for letting me calm down in this place."

"Thank you for giving me hope," she said as she left. When our dear people face lasting struggles, hope can become a luxury not worth holding onto. Giving people a reason to hope can help renew their strength. Through the hope of Christ, we can fly on eagle's wings.



Often, when I have left our visits, I feel helpless. There is not much I can do for Adrian. His situation is beyond anything for which I can advise or provide help.



## FLASHBACKS & STORIES



Ministry no longer exists as an “I am helping you” hierarchy, but instead as a mutual striving to bring glimpses of the Kingdom to earth. We bear burdens together. We celebrate together and suffer together. We shirk off the individualism so prominent around us.



At the beginning I was a little nervous that I would not be what Mindy wanted. I was thinking that we are so different, how are we going to connect on a friendship level?



Progress is happening, not because of me, but because of God's will! I pray for the right words, not mine, but God's, before we meet. And somehow, the words are there.

Even though he left much of his old life behind, many of the mentalities and perspectives of that old life followed him. He wanted to be a good father to his kids, he wanted to give back to society, he wanted to make a better life for himself. But he didn't know how.



Sometimes, there's nothing we can do for our hurting folks, other than walk with them. They may, and often do, continue on their paths. Still we walk with them.





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