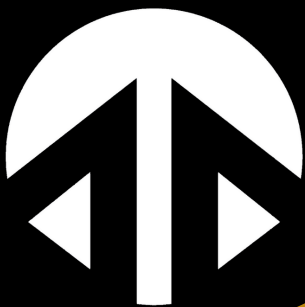


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ATLAS: LINCOLN ANNUAL REPORT

"A place to come
when you don't know
where else to turn."



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Darren Murray



The Board & Staff of Atlas: Lincoln

OUR MISSION

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



Brody M. Van Roekel, Executive Director



The people that make Atlas happen



Where we connect with our neighbors

Truly, one of my favorite parts of my role is getting to do this annual report every year. 2023 brought so many blessings. We celebrated **5 years of ministry** in Lincoln. Our events brought **hundreds of people** into opportunities for connection and care. We opened our "Neighborhood Living Room" drop-in space for neighbors to find love and care. Our lunch ministry exploded last year and we distributed over **1000 lunches** to our neighborhood. Mentoring continued to be the cornerstone of our ministry with **25 new mentor-mentee pairings** through the year. Thank you for your support throughout 2023. We're thrilled to continue loving our neighbors and city like Christ in 2024.

Peace, & and above all, Grace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brody M. Van Roekel".

Brody M. Van Roekel
Executive Director, Atlas: Lincoln

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

"What's your story?"

This question drives the work we're so privileged to do at Atlas: Lincoln. This one simple question can open amazing opportunities to walk through life together with another person. It's the question we have every mentor and mentee ask one another in their first meeting. It's the first question our staff asks new people who walk through our doors.

Sometimes, our stories are filled with pain and heartache. Difficult family dynamics, bad choices repeated over and over again, impossible to navigate systems that lead to discouragement.

Sometimes, our stories are filled with joy and celebration. Meaningful and encouraging relationships, personal growth and succeeding with goals, overcoming the difficulties of life through perseverance.



Through all the celebrations and challenges of our stories, relationships make a difference. Having someone to walk alongside you through the good times and the hard times makes a difference.

Like last year, we wanted to share about the connections happening at Atlas through client stories. Below are some stories from different Atlas mentees. Their heartfelt expression and honesty are deeply touching, and we can't say enough about how honored we are to walk alongside people in relationship.

Atlas mentee, Rachel

I want to thank you for being the most touched. I want to thank you for showing me that the most amazing human being can come into your life and change it in ways you never imagined. Thank you for making me realize that people like you exist - KIND GENUINE souls who feel like sun shining on the darkest day of the years. People who only know how to spread happiness and smiles everywhere they go. Thank you for teaching me that ANGELS exist in human form and the luckiest individuals are those who meet them. Thank you for making me feel lucky even if it was for a short while. Thank you for being the most magnificent humans I ever came across. Because I know I'll probably never meet someone like you all again. You will be a beautiful lesson that I'm glad I learnt. You will always be a part of me. I want to thank you for being you because they really don't make people like you anymore. I been the one that was blessed from DAY ONE. Thank you

Atlas mentee, Kathy

Without you to love me in the beginning of my recovery I wouldn't have been able to be successful. Thank you to you again and all the others who loved me when I was trying to get it right and failing



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MENTEE HOURS

Time together matters.

In spite of increased loneliness everywhere, our staff worked hard to continue meeting with clients in new ways. These were hours spent with dear folks struggling down the road of life.

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NEW MENTOR PAIRINGS

Atlas is all about mentoring.

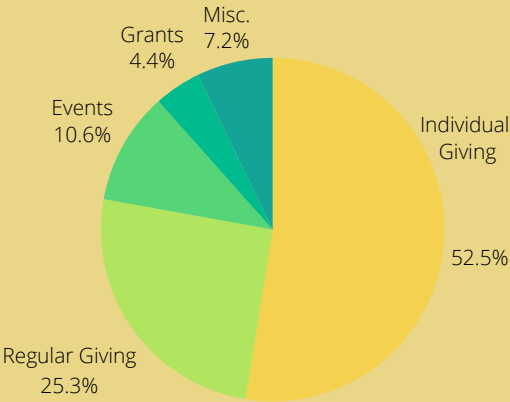
We joyfully helped 25 new mentor-mentee relationships begin 2023. These mentors and mentees embarked on a journey of growth together.

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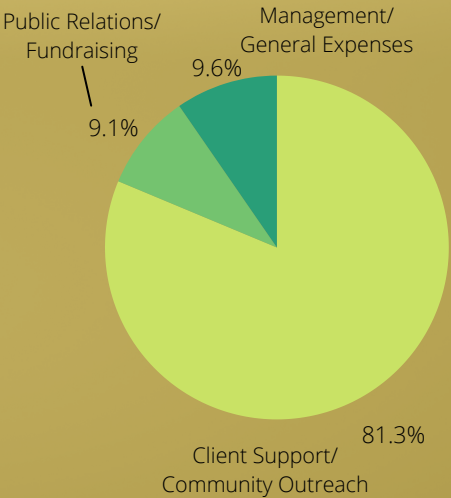
COMPLETED MENTOR PAIRINGS

In 2023, we celebrated 12 mentor-mentee relationships that reached the goal of one full year of meeting together every week for one hour. It is a huge commitment and these pairings have achieved something special.

Revenue: \$102,277.38**



Expenses: \$105,909.47



**** Due to our online fundraising platform, a significant portion of our 2023 Year-End giving is disbursed in January. Atlas raised an additional \$4000 in 2023 that is accounted for in 2024.**

The leadership of Atlas in Lincoln spent a weekend visioning and praying for what God intended for Atlas throughout the next 3 years. You can find and review the product of that intentional time together below, our guiding intents through 2024. We will review and update this map in 2024.



2024 GOALS AND VISION

All of these 2024 Vision goals relate to the three core tenets of Atlas: *to help the hurting, to equip the saints, and to unite the community*. Our continuing goals are **always** to spend more **time with hurting people, train and pair mentors with mentees, and meet our financial budget**. The below vision has been set to help us pursue our ongoing goals.

Finalize staff restructure and board support.

We will add a full-time position in 2024. This addition will bring some shifting of responsibilities and increased board engagement.

Average 3 new mentor-mentee pairings per month.

We will steward 36 new mentor-mentee pairings. This has been our goal for the last two years and with added staff should be within reach.



Complete Strategy Plan for 2024-2027.

In 2021, our leadership developed our first-ever Strategic Plan, guiding Atlas through prayer, discernment, and fellowship. We will complete an update plan this year.

OUR VISION

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

JOIN ATLAS IN MINISTRY

2024 Events - Save the date!

March 22nd- Donor Dinner

May 30th - "Give to Lincoln Day"

August 1nd - 6th Anniversary Celebration

September 3rd - Open-House event

October 26th - Football Watch-party

December - Year-End Giving

As we consider new events to engage the community and serve our neighbors, keep an eye on our website, newsletters, and social media for more information.

Other ways to support the ministry of Atlas: Lincoln

Contact our office to learn about ways to serve:

office@atlaslincoln.org

Volunteer with our Prayer Team by emailing

prayer@atlaslincoln.org

Learn more about Atlas: Lincoln on our website

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