

ATLAS: LINCOLN

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**"A PLACE TO  
COME WHEN  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW WHERE  
ELSE TO TURN."**

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# Atlas: Lincoln 2024 Personnel

## Board of Directors of 2024

Alex Rousseau  
Gabriel Tufts  
Dan Waters  
Tammy Schomerus  
Darren Murray  
Dawn Kowalski

## Staff of 2024

Brody Van Roekel  
Sonya Turco  
Hollie Sell  
Edwin Quintanilla



**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.*

## WELCOME NOTE

What a blessing it is to be with you again in our Annual Report. Another year, another amazing opportunity to love our neighborhood as Christ has called us.

We welcomed a new full-time staff position at Atlas, our Community Engagement Coordinator. This position allowed for more clients and more connection with agencies and nonprofits in our city. We celebrated 18 new mentor-mentee pairings even with a significant staff restructure. We built new relationships with our neighbors, hosting a variety of cookouts and continued our lunch distribution ministry, feeding over 2500 people throughout the year.

Thank you for your support throughout 2024. We're thrilled to continue loving our neighbors and city like Jesus in 2025.

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# "WHAT'S YOUR STORY"?

## ATLAS: LINCOLN FROM THE STAFF PERSPECTIVE

### From Sonya...

Listening holds immense significance in our interactions. One day, I received a call on our work line from a woman in desperate need of resources. She was frantic, stressed, and overwhelmed, pouring out her concerns without interruption. Suddenly, she paused and expressed her surprise, stating that I was the only person among ten she had contacted that truly listened. Others had abruptly cut her off, citing other commitments. Her gratitude for simply being heard was palpable, highlighting the profound impact of attentive listening.



### From Hollie...

My mentee was above and beyond awesome to talk with. Working through problems, talking about life, and just getting together to play solitaire together! Our mentorship turned friendship has tested time and come out strong. Though I miss seeing her every week to talk, the times that we do get together are that much sweeter. I know that not every relationship is like mine and my mentees, I know that my life would be very different if I hadn't met her. If all mentor/mentee relationships were like this, everyone would have great friendships, and their lives would be full of love, trust, and fun times.



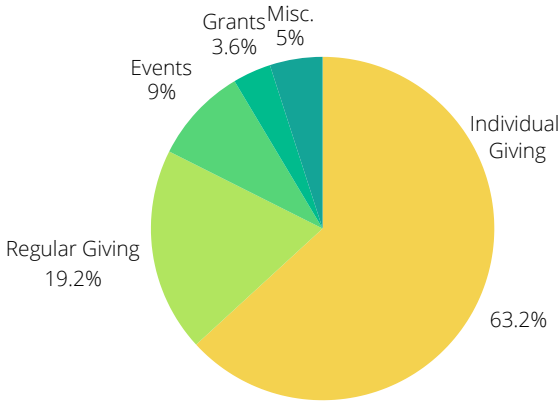
### From Edwin...

My first mentee's name was Alex; he struggled with homelessness, he was living at the Mission, and needed steady employment. The solution was pretty straightforward: work on his resume, find him a job, and then get him a rental, and he will be ready to live a life of discipleship. You could probably guess that things didn't turn out this way. At first, Alex wasn't very open about his struggles. So, I just focused on getting him a job and then a place to live and hoped that would fix things. But soon enough, life happens; Alex has been struggling with a lifelong battle with alcoholism, which got him fired from his job. Then came his struggle with mental health, which cost him two more full-time jobs. It came to a head, and I figured out that the only way I could help this man was to be a friend to him and not a resource. We sat down and had a hard talk; I told him I cared about him, and he was not helping himself if he didn't care for himself. He was facing eviction, behind on rent and utilities, and struggling with everything slipping through his fingers. Yet, despite all of it, he made one of the hardest decisions of his life: he asked for real help. It was a reset for him; he went through the withdrawals and talked to a therapist, and he came out of it knowing that he wanted to fight for himself.

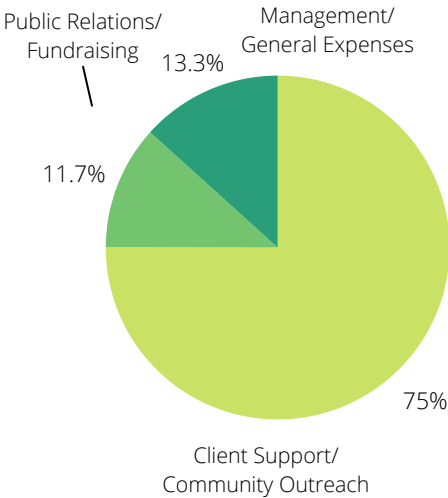


## NUMBERS AND DOLLARS

Revenue: \$138,612.16



Expenses: \$129,236.37



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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. A 35% increase from last year!

# 18

## NEW MENTOR PAIRINGS

Atlas is all about mentoring. We joyfully helped 18 new mentor-mentee relationships begin 2024. These mentors and mentees embarked on a journey of growth together.

# 9

## COMPLETED MENTOR PAIRINGS

In 2024, we celebrated 9 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.



## BEGIN EXPLORING OPENING ANOTHER ATLAS OFFICE IN LINCOLN

With our staff expansion last year, we now want to begin looking at another neighborhood to open an Atlas office to bring the gift of mentoring to another neighborhood in Lincoln. We have identified another area in Lincoln to begin building relationships with nonprofits and churches and will begin the planting process.



## 30 MENTOR-MENTEE PAIRINGS

Even with the dip in pairings last year, we considered ways to connect more deeply with the numerous people we met in the neighborhood last year. We also fine-tuned our training, pairing process, and mentor support.

# OUR VISION

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

# PARTNER RECOGNITION & SNAPSHOTS FROM THE YEAR

Recognizing our 2024 partners. The Atlas Partners Program engages businesses in a yearlong commitment of support. We appreciate these businesses and foundations for their incredible support and all they do for folks in our community!

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**JESS HUSTAD,  
BANCWISE REALTY**



**\* MANAGER PARTNER**

**CUSTOM COOLING  
& HEATING**

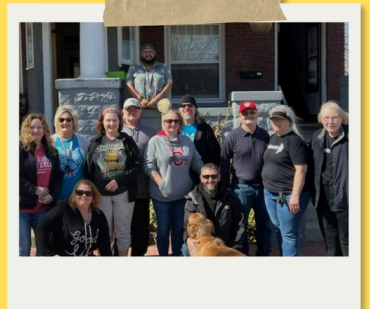


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**DAVID STAENBURG  
FAMILY FOUNDATION**



## Snapshots of 2024



# JOIN ATLAS IN MINISTRY

## 2025 Events - Save the date!

**March 28th** - Donor Dinner

**May 29th** - "Give to Lincoln Day"

**August 7th** - 6th Anniversary Celebration

**September 2nd** - Open-House event

**Oct/Nov** - 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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