



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

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Celebrating 5 years of ministry in Lincoln!

In August, we marked five years of ministry in Lincoln by hosting our first-ever Atlas: Lincoln Anniversary Celebration!

Over 75 amazing folks showed up to recognize the night with us. We enjoyed a beautiful venue at the Gala, an excellent meal from Lulu's, and shared some stories from the last five years through our 5-Year Report, which you can find on our website.

We shared about *presence* and *faithfulness* to the individuals in front of us, the charge to love our neighbors who feel that they're worthless, and the call to walk with hurting people like Jesus.

When I think about the last five years, there are plenty of stories people would label successes. There are also plenty of stories that people might label failures.

There are folks we've walked with who have worked to overcome their life-altering difficulties. They've maintained sobriety. They've started businesses. They've found safe, supportive housing they love. They've connected with a healthy community, new friends, or a church home. They have grown immensely and continue that trajectory even today.

There are folks we've walked with for years who don't seem to be any further along than when we started walking with them. Some are now incarcerated and will be for many years. There have been neighbors living on the streets that we've walked with for half a decade and remain on the streets. There are some who have relapsed and cut contact with Atlas and their mentors entirely.

Whether these stories seem to have a happy ending or not, our mandate is presence and faithfulness in Christ's love.



Can't have a birthday without cake!



***(Above) Celebration venue and guests
(Below) Our staff***



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Other notes:

- We are still looking for another ministry partner, nonprofit, or potential business to share office space with us! *Reach out to the office for more information.*
- We want to welcome **Tammy Freitag** to the Atlas: Lincoln Board of Directors. Check out a future issue to meet her!

Striving to Love our Neighbors Well

We have operated out of our current office space for over two years. Last summer, we took over the upstairs space, effectively doubling the usable space available to us. In moving into the neighborhood and taking over the additional space, we continually prayed and discerned how best we could love our neighbors well.

Last summer, we partnered with Fellowship Community Church to be a once-a-month lunch ministry in the neighborhood. Our staff and volunteers from the church went out in groups of two and three people to meet our neighbors on their turf, provide a free lunch, and share in conversation and connection.

This ministry has grown exponentially in 2023. We partnered with a local business group and with our friends at Lulu's to fill other weeks of the month. With the help of many volunteers from the business group, the church, and Deck City, our staff, board, and so many others, we are

sending folks into the neighborhood with meals, conversation, presence, and love.

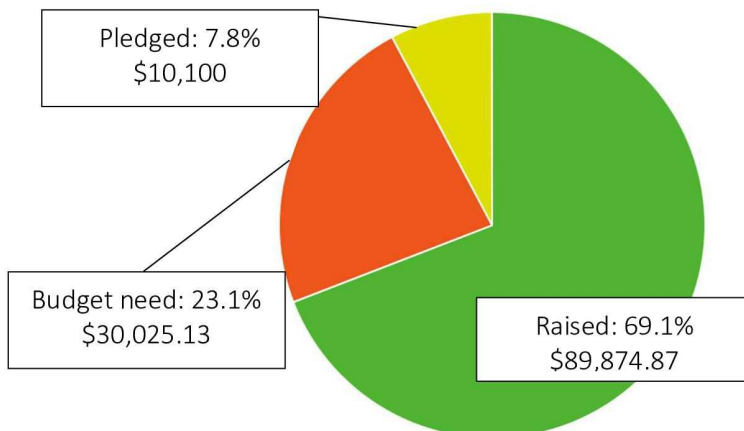
At the end of August, many states were impacted by one of the worst heatwaves in recent history. Thanks to the David Staenberg Family Foundation, we were able to provide free water to our neighborhood for the week and we gave away over 400 bottles of cold water.

Finally, in September, we hosted our annual Open-House event and provided food to 200 people from the neighborhood and beyond.

Each of these opportunities allows us to connect with neighbors and invite them into life-changing mentorship.



2023 Financial Update and Year-End Giving



As we approach the end of 2023, we hope you'll support Atlas with a year-end gift. You can expect to see another letter from us in a few weeks. You're also always able to donate on our website. Through ongoing community support, events, and expected commitments, we're nearly to our budgetary goal. \$130,000 and we're over 75% of the way there between dollars raised and pledged. We have been so blessed this year and only have a little further to go with your help.

Will you help us meet our goal this year?