



From the Director's Desk

Operating in our new world

A happy day to you dear friend of Atlas. I write this message to you in a unique time, as I'm sure you know very well. At the time you read this newsletter, the world has likely changed even more so than when it was written. Regardless, I hope this letter finds you safe, secure, and healthy, most of all.

Each of our stories has been intimately tied together by the Covid-19 pandemic. We are intimately tied in the midst of loss. All of us have experienced the fear of the unknown. All of us have experienced loss in some way or another, whether it's a job or a loved one or our sense of security. Schedules have been upset, activities cancelled, the opportunity to make memories gone without the chance for return.

Yet, we are also intimately tied by possibility in this situation; in the things we never would have had otherwise. Hours of time with family, more margins in our daily schedules for prayer and Scripture, opportunities to learn and grow like never before. *Less busyness and more rest.*

And opportunities for grace and patience with ourselves. Maybe, it's difficult to find motivation to function with most of the world shut down. Maybe you're an essential worker and spend many hours at work while your family waits at home. Maybe, you reach out to friends or family to talk on the phone. Or you might sit and watch your favorite streaming-service for most of the day. Regardless of how you spent today, all of us are going through this complicated time together. What a great time to learn grace for ourselves, and hopefully, for those we are spending so much more time with at home.

Atlas: Lincoln participates in "Give to Lincoln Day" 2020

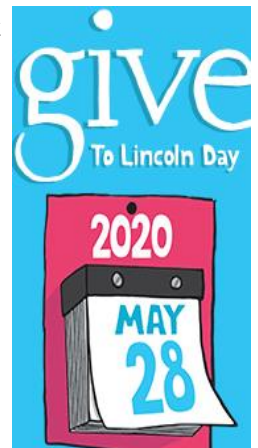
The community of Lincoln joins together in an amazing show of generosity and investment throughout the month of May. In its eighth year, "Give to Lincoln Day" on May 28, 2020 provides an opportunity for people to support the non-profits of our great city.

All gifts made in connection with "Give to Lincoln Day" receive a proportional match from a \$500,000 pot. What that means: If we take in 1% of the money given overall, we get 1% of the match pot, or an additional \$5000. Your gifts given in May go much further to support the work God is doing through Atlas.

If you are considering making a mid-year gift to Atlas or simply increasing your charitable giving, "Give to Lincoln Day" is an incredible way to support our work.

The recent CARES Act also allows an additional \$300 deducted from your taxes in 2020 for donations to non-profits. If everyone reading this offers *half* of that during "Give to Lincoln Day," just \$150, Atlas would be entirely funded for 2020 and much of 2021.

You can find more information at <https://givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/atlas-partners>.



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Great times Together!

Atlas enjoys good times with donors and raising money



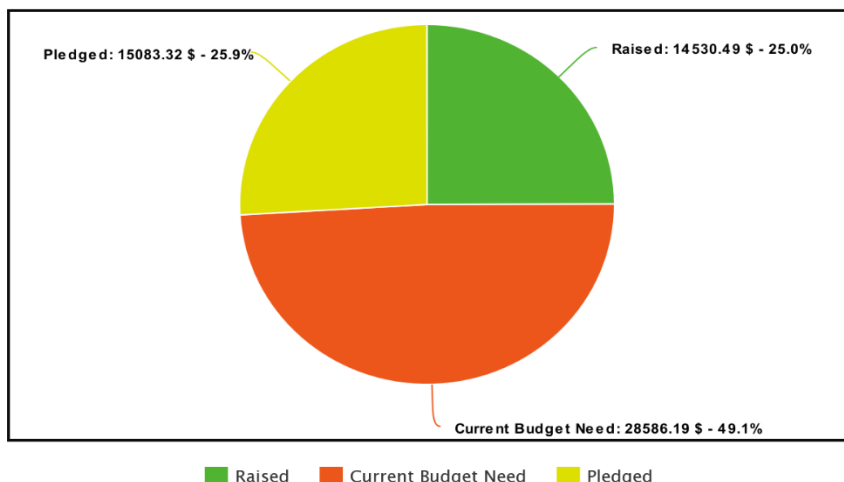
February had some great times with the best people. At the beginning of February, we celebrated the donors who supported Atlas in the last 18 months at our First Donor Dinner. We had a great night, sharing about Atlas, casting our vision for the future, and honoring those who supported us. In late

February, we hosted our second annual Atlas: Lincoln Trivia Night. Almost 80 awesome folks showed up and over 25 amazing businesses donated items to our silent auction. We brought in more money this year than last, and had a great time doing it. Thanks to all who came!



Starting the year off right – grateful to our supporters

Atlas is so thankful for the amazing folks who continue to support us. Over the course of our first quarter, we have been able to raise a substantial portion of our operating budget as well as secure another portion in pledges and monthly donations. Atlas is able to serve the hurting people of our community through **your** generous support. To find more information about making a financial gift to Atlas, more information about supporting our friends and neighbors, you can go to <https://www.atlaslincoln.org/donate>



Atlas: Lincoln Expands – Welcome to new staff and board members

In the last newsletter, we shared how appreciative we are to you, dear Atlas supporters, for helping us through a successful 2019 financial campaign. Due to your support, you'll notice the Atlas: Lincoln personnel at the bottom of the front page has expanded significantly! Atlas: Lincoln welcomes four amazing new board members: **Jamie Peer, Gabriel Tufts, Amy Pfingsten, and Dennis Coudriet**. These awesome folks have joined us as we move forward into all the amazing things God has for Atlas. We are excited to have them on "board"! We also welcomed our new Office Manager, **Sydney Worley**. We are so impressed by her heart for the work of Atlas as well as her organizational and administrative abilities. She will be an amazing asset to our service in Lincoln. Keep an eye out in future newsletters to be introduced to these folks. Welcome everyone!!

Welcome

Thank you and farewell Brook!

Atlas: Lincoln offers its heartfelt appreciation to Brook Talsma for her work with the Atlas: Lincoln Board. Brook was one of the founding members of Atlas' board of directors. We appreciate her guidance, insights, and encouragements as Atlas has grown amazingly throughout its first 18 months. Blessings Brook!

