



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

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From the Director's desk...

We've been in our office at 13th and D Street for just over a year now. As we have sought to become a presence in our neighborhood, foot-traffic and walk-ins have increased significantly since we moved into our space. People might see our sign in the yard or over our door. They might be referred to us by a neighborhood church. However they end up at our door, our dear neighbors have started to find us.

One person found our office a few months ago. He was in a tight spot, needing to move out of a poor living situation in a hurry. He mentioned that he'd been praying to God for somebody kind and then randomly found us. 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."

We helped him move out, and our staff has been walking with him in many capacities. It has been difficult, and a privilege. This relationship is made possible through God's blessing of our incredible supporters. We want to be a **place to come when people don't know where else to turn**. For this mentee, and many others, we continue to be that place.

From all of here at Atlas: Lincoln

Thank You

To everyone who supported Atlas during Give to Lincoln Day 2022. Your kind gifts and generous hearts make continuing our mission possible. We would not be able to serve without you!

Final numbers:
\$14,765 Raised
63 Donations

SAVE THE DATE

4th Annual Atlas: Lincoln Mini-Golf Outing
Sunday, August 28, 11:30a-2:30p
Adventure Golf Center

We want to express a **HUGE "thank you"** to everyone who supported Atlas: Lincoln for "Give to Lincoln Day" 2022. With all gifts and the match, you amazing folks gave nearly \$16,000. We also celebrated an additional \$1500 given directly to Atlas during May. With the money raised, we will be able to continue supporting people like the mentee from the story above through relationship in the midst of difficult economic times many are experiencing.

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Staff Spotlight: Sonya Turco, Direct Service Advocate

How did I get involved with Atlas? I had been praying for a long time for a position helping others. I had learned about Atlas through my church and saw an ad that they were hiring. God answered my prayer and I was hired on as the Direct Service Advocate. **Why did I want to join the Atlas Staff?** I had been doing Street Evangelism off and on for a few years. I wanted to do more one-on-one with people, getting to know people on a deeper level. Helping them in whatever way they needed. Building relationships, spreading the Gospel, and serving the community. I am so humbled to be working with Atlas in the ministry. God has truly blessed me to be working for Him in his Kingdom. **How do I see Atlas Working in the Community?** I see Atlas working in the community daily. Sometimes, it's just by us being present in the community. We have had several people just stop in from seeing our sign above the door and in our yard. Just walking the neighborhood with water and stopping to chat with people. Many of our homeless are ignored and not even looked at. When we walk in the neighborhood, these people get recognition that they are God's children. We get to affirm their identity in Christ, letting them know they are loved by the Maker of the Universe. 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." **How does Atlas help pursue our call to "love our neighbor" and "make disciples"?** As the Direct Service Advocate, I don't spend much time on our pillar of "equip the saints." I do get to see this through speaking to mentors that have volunteered with Atlas and I get to watch our Volunteer Coordinator work with mentors. We do this by trusting God and obeying His Word, which is conveyed in serving and engaging our neighbors. Loving your neighbor involves building *real relationships*. Jesus went about helping people, healing the sick, and acknowledging the forgotten, even giving kindnesses to his enemies. Christ loved people purely, coming to them on their own terms, in their own messes.

Come see our EXPANDED office!

You're invited to Atlas: Lincoln's

4th Anniversary Open House!

Tuesday, August 2nd
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Join Atlas: Lincoln in THANKING Alex Rousseau for his dedicated work; and help us WELCOME the new Volunteer Coordinator, Darren Murray!

At the end of June, Alex Rousseau will transition away from his role as Volunteer Coordinator. Through his year of service as Volunteer Coordinator, Alex revamped and restarted our Mentor Training workshops in the wake of the pandemic and built a pool of amazing mentors to serve our clients. He made an incredible **18 pairings** in less than a year, supporting mentors as they walk in intimate relationships with their mentees. He developed formative and valuable staff training opportunities for our office. Alex also initiated our "Christ-Based Peer-Support" workshops for Lincoln churches. One of Atlas' pillars is to "Equip the Saints." We wanted to come alongside churches with the training and resources we've built to help churches better equip their people to walk with hurting people in peer-support relationships. *Thank you, Alex, for your faithful service!*

We also want to welcome Darren Murray who will be taking over Alex's role as Volunteer Coordinator! We are so excited for Darren's passion for people, his incredible discernment gifts, and his love of Christ. Darren, we are thrilled to have you on board!

