

**From the Director's Desk...**

I hope this note finds you well in the New Year. What a year 2020 ended up being. With so many challenges, it might be hard to find things about 2020 that were positive with all the difficulties.

At Atlas, we, like many of you, experienced our fair share of struggles in 2020. Perhaps the most difficult was upsetting the regular meetings between

mentors and mentees. While phone calls and Zoom work okay, nothing can beat the meaningful and intimate face-to-face time mentors and mentees share every week. We also saw many of our clients and mentees fall away from services or end up in impossible situations.

Even with the many challenges, there were so many more blessings. We celebrated new board members and successful events. We doubled our staff over the course of the year, allowing us to expand our services. Our "Give to Lincoln Day" donations brought in more money than any event, campaign, or single gift in our history. Our Year-End Giving campaign in December surpassed our total gifts from "Give to Lincoln Day" by a substantial margin and was over double what we brought in two years ago.

Most importantly, dozens of new people reached out for services. Nearly a dozen new mentor-mentee pairings were made. Hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time were spent serving the community in the name of Christ. We got to share Jesus' love in so many ways with so many people.

God is good and we are so excited for what God will do this year. We wait in excited anticipation and find joy in participation. Here's to 2021 dear friends.

-Brody

**WHAT IS ATLAS?**

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

Emotional, spiritual, physical or relational issues can turn one's world upside-down. For people struggling down a rough place on life's road, Atlas is a safe, confidential place to come in and let it all out.

Our services are free to the public. We listen, encourage and pray with folks who come through our door. We make referrals and do our best to love each person, guide them in the right direction and walk with them on their journey – regardless of the distance. We are excited to find ways to touch lives for Christ in this community. We let each person know they matter. They matter to Jesus and they matter to us.

**Reminder: address change**

Just a reminder that our mailing address has changed! All mail should be sent to:

**Atlas: Lincoln**  
**PO Box 23181**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**68542-3181**

**Atlas: Lincoln Board of Directors**

Derek Effle | Ian Shada | Jamie Peer | Amy Pfingsten | Gabriel Tufts | Dennis Coudriet

**Atlas Staff**

Brody Van Roekel | Savannah Clapper

**Board Spotlight – Jamie Peer, Treasurer - Who are you?** My name is Jamie Peer. I am a wife and mother of three girls, and I retired from the military in 2019, shortly before taking the position of Treasurer on the ATLAS board. I am a certified life coach, roller skating philanthropist, and emerging equine therapist, living on a farm just north of Lincoln.

**How'd you get involved with/hear about Atlas?** I met the acquaintance of the Executive Director, Brody Van Roekel, at a life coaching workshop I was facilitating, and really resonated with his vision for ATLAS. I felt compelled to learn more, and as I did, I just knew I had to be a part of something so important and so special.

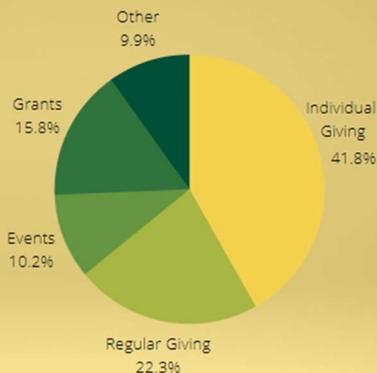
**Why did you want to join the Atlas board?** Because I believe that everyone is born with a gift and potential to be cultivated. However, sometimes, through no fault of our own, a series of events leads us to a place where we can really just use friendship and support while we navigate to higher ground. I believe ATLAS truly represents the heart of Jesus Christ, and is a judgement-free zone where humans can help other humans, especially during particularly challenging times.

**How do you see Atlas working in the community?** ATLAS seeks to be a community that creates community. Through outreach and raising awareness of its mission, I believe ATLAS is positioning itself to be a real asset for the greater Lincoln area.

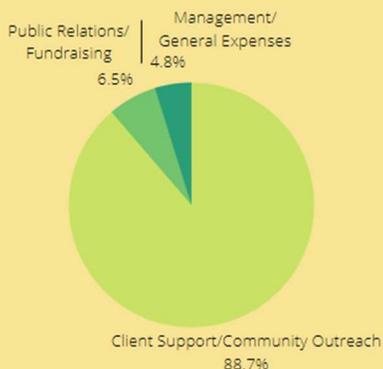
**How does Atlas help pursue our call to "love our neighbor" and "make disciples"?** Realizing that none of us would be where we are without other people investing in us and helping guide us on our way, ATLAS peer-mentors, board, and staff elect to "pay it forward" through loving our neighbors as ourselves. We make disciples in that we attempt to love people as Jesus first loved us - unconditionally, with an eye toward optimizing our potential for the greatest good of all.



**Revenue: \$72,804.92**



**Expenses: \$60,771.34**



**Year-End Financial Report**

In the midst of all the difficulties, our 2020 fundraising campaign was so incredibly blessed. Through the pandemic, we were still able to safely host two fundraising events. Our May "Give to Lincoln Day" campaign was the most successful campaign we have ever hosted. The Year-End campaign surpassed "Give to Lincoln Day" and met our goal of raising \$13,500 by the end of the 2020 Fiscal Year. We've been able to help hurting people, equip followers of Jesus, and unite our community. None of this would have been possible without the Lord's provision through folks like you. We have been so blessed. We thank God for blessings and for you.

Keep an eye out for our '2020 Annual Report' – released in February!

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