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Year in Review

Blessings on your 2024! We pray the holidays were a restful time with friends and family celebrating Christmas and the New Year. 2023 was an amazing year at Atlas. We continued many of our yearly events while also trying a bunch of new things. In February, we hosted our 5th Annual Trivia Night event, and the month of March brought our annual Donor Appreciation Dinner. We hosted our first-ever Anniversary Celebration to mark 5 years of ministry in Lincoln in August. Our board and staff also gathered in August for an intentional time of prayer and planning for the future of Atlas. In September, we threw an Open-House event to welcome our neighborhood to our front lawn for hamburgers and hot dogs. Finally, we enjoyed time together in November at our annual sober-friendly Football Watch Party and Potluck. Over the course of 2023, our many events and gatherings brought *hundreds* of people into opportunities for connection and care.







Throughout 2023, our lunch ministry also continued to grow exponentially. Thanks to local businesses and churches, we were privileged to hand out over **1000 lunches** in our neighborhood and anticipate approximately 2400 more this year. We opened our "Neighborhood Living Room" in May for our friends in the neighborhood to enjoy their lunch, get out of the elements for a few hours, and find a caring person who would listen. During the year, we also celebrated **25 new mentor-mentee pairings**, nearly matching our record number of pairings from 2022. Finally, through the generous support of our partners and the diligent work of staff and volunteers, our first ever "Atlas Elves" provided over **100 gifts to 35 kids** across 13 families in our community.

Last year held many blessings for the ministry. With all these awesome projects and events, we strove to continue to



do the challenging and important work of connecting with every person that came through our doors. Every person that walks into our office matters to Jesus, and they matter to us.

Thank you for every prayer offered, hour committed, and dollar given. We are excited for all God has in store for 2024!





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We appreciate the blessing of your service to Atlas!

To close 2023, we said farewell to some incredible leaders who have committed so much to the ministry of Atlas.

Jamie Peer joined the Atlas board of directors in 2020 and led the board as chair since 2021.

Dennis Coudriet also joined the board in 2020 and served as the treasurer in 2021-2022.

Their steadfast leadership helped guide the ministry through their years of service. Each of them will be missed dearly.

We also said farewell to our Volunteer Coordinator, Darren Murray. He joined our staff in 2022 and helped steward the creation of over 30 mentormentee pairings.

Jamie, Dennis, and Darren will all be dearly missed at Atlas, and we pray blessings for each of them as they step into whatever God has planned!







To everyone who supported Atlas during "No One is Alone" 2023. Your kind gifts and generous hearts make continuing our mission possible. We would not be able to serve without you!

> Final numbers: \$22,017 Raised 51 Partners

Join us on Friday, February 23 for Trivia Night! More info later this month.



SAVE THE DATE: Donor Appreciation Dinner and Mentor Celebration

We are celebrating our generous 2023 donors and the mentor-mentee pairings who have reached the 1-year milestone! Make sure you save the date on March 22nd.

Formal invitation and more information coming in February!