



## Year in Review

2025 blessings! We pray that the holidays were a restful and fulfilling time with friends and family celebrating Christmas and the New Year.

2024 brought many chances to love our neighborhood and the Lincoln community. In February, we hosted our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night event, and the month of March brought our annual Donor Appreciation Dinner. We hosted our second-annual Anniversary

Celebration to mark 6 years of ministry in Lincoln in August. Our board and staff also gathered in July for an intentional time of prayer, connecting, 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 October 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 connection and relationship.

Our lunch ministry continued, delivering **over 2500 meals** to folks in our neighborhood. Various community partnerships with churches and other nonprofits allowed us to also distribute frozen meals to neighbors in need, as well as free hygiene products.

We **welcomed our Community Engagement Coordinator**, Edwin, to our staff full-time. He has done an incredible job at connecting with mentees and many agencies in our city. 2024 saw our staff shuffle responsibilities and find a new groove with a fresh full-time staff member added to our team. Even though we didn't quite hit our goal for pairings, we stewarded **18 new mentor-mentee pairings** with the changed responsibilities within our staff. We continued processing how best to utilize our neighborhood outreach to further build relationships with the folks we got to meet. 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 2025!



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## ***An Important Message from our Executive Director, Brody...***

Happy New Year to you! 2024 was such an amazing and blessed year. We were thrilled with so many opportunities to walk alongside our neighbors.

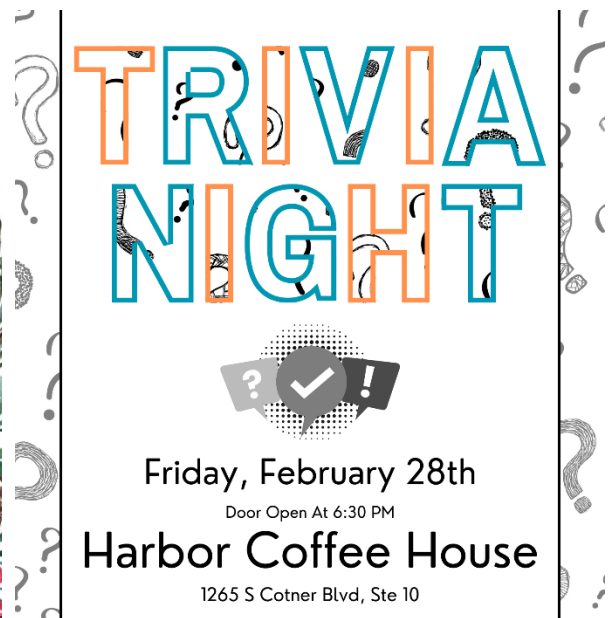
Some of you may already know and some may be finding out in this note. In 2023, I joined the Nebraska Army National Guard with the intent of eventually becoming a chaplain. It has been an incredible experience being able to walk beside soldiers as they struggle through life, much in the same way as we do at Atlas: Lincoln.

One of the requirements for becoming a chaplain is attending a 13-week Army Chaplain School in South Carolina, which I am planning to do from January through April this year. By the time you read this, I will have begun the training at Ft. Jackson.

I will be on a leave of absence during this time and plan to return to Atlas following my completion of this training! Our board and staff have been busy planning to adapt to my absence and are more than capable. I have the utmost confidence in them!

While I am away, we would absolutely welcome your prayers for the Atlas team. I am already looking forward to returning to Atlas on May 1<sup>st</sup> and continue helping the hurting, equipping the saints, and uniting the community through Atlas.

**Join us on Friday,  
February 28 for Trivia  
Night! More info later  
this month.**



### **SAVE THE DATE: Donor Appreciation Dinner and Mentor Celebration**

We are celebrating our generous 2024 donors and the mentor-mentee pairings who have reached the 1-year milestone! Make sure you save the date on March 28th. Formal invitation and more information coming in February!