

Do You Have a Vehicle You Could Donate to Atlas?

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Atlas June Letter (Attention Local Friends of Atlas)

Can you help selected clients by loaning or giving an older, used vehicle to Atlas?

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Dave

I normally attempt to share the deeper stuff that is happening in the Atlas of the Lakes Area ministry. It is totally impossible to completely tell about God's goodness in any amount of space. I compare trying to do this to a mission trip that you may have taken that was a meaningful experience in your life. When you got back you wanted to share your excitement with those you talked to but found that to be an impossible task. It had to be experienced. So it is with the work of Atlas. For now, I am putting off this newsletter goal until July. Today, this letter will be a plea for major help for Atlas.

Dependable transportation is a common need for many of our clients!

Many of our clients face numerous challenges by the time they come to us. Often the challenge is homelessness or the threat of eviction. Those issues are critical but are only the tip of the iceberg when we discuss their lives in our initial meeting. One common problem that contributes to all of the other problems that are being experienced is the lack of dependable transportation. Some have no vehicle and some have only old "junkers" that break down and are not safe. In this situation, they miss work, get kids to school late or not at all, miss appointments, miss events, can't make it to a food pantry, and spend much-needed dollars on a car that just sucks what money they have. They are forced to beg for rides in whatever way they can.

There are many unused cars just sitting in Dickinson County!

Many of us are blessed to be able to have numerous vehicles, often more than we have people living in our residences. Atlas is looking for people who have third, fourth, or fifth vehicles that they have kept, licensed, insured, and stored because the vehicle was of more value to them than they could get for it if sold. Yet it is rarely driven.

Would you be willing to help someone if you knew that your generosity would be of real benefit to the recipient?

Would you consider donating such a vehicle to Atlas of the Lakes Area so that we can selectively give vehicles to some of our clients? These vehicles need not be in good shape but do need to be mechanically dependable. Better vehicles would be given to mothers with children or families. We would love to discuss this with anyone who is willing to think about this possibility. Thank you to anyone who will consider this opportunity and a giant thank you to anyone who may eventually help a mother or family in crisis.

How does this vehicle program work?

We have developed both gifting and loaning plans and have utilized both. If you consider either option, please call Dave at **712-320-2572** so we can discuss all of the possibilities for this program. We will fit a client to your requirements, provide tax receipts, handle vehicle transfers, and make sure clients are insured (for loaned vehicles) while helping someone in need. We always look for things that the community can do better by working together than anyone can do working alone. Thank you for your consideration.