

ATLAS OF THE LAKES AREA

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STEADFAST WITH TRUST

**Greetings! It's Your July Update From
ATLAS of the Lakes!**

Dear Wonderful Supporters and Donors,
As we dive into July, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Every contribution you make propels our mission forward, helping us serve those in need across the Lakes Area.

Our mission remains steadfast: to uplift individuals by providing not only essential resources but also spiritual and emotional support. This month, we're excited to share an update on how our collective efforts are making a difference.

While we usually share specific client stories, this month, we're focusing on our broader mission and our incredible opportunities ahead.

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ATLAS STAFF:

Tonya Kuranda: Executive Director
Kathy Norris:
Administrative Assistant

Fun Fact:

May was a record breaking month with 14 new clients/families. This does not include the clients we continue to serve and mentor on a case by case basis. We have approx 90-100 client interactions per month.

FINANCIAL HEALTH THROUGH HUMAN EYES

Our financial health is an area we must address and be honest and open about. The future of this ministry depends on it. Since the beginning of this year, we have received individual and church support and have been awarded a grant by The Good Neighbor Fund. However, the truth is that we need more to cover our monthly expenses. To keep our doors open, it costs approx. \$8,000 per month. That includes payroll, insurance, taxes, rent, utilities, etc. We have slowly come up short every month, depleting our account to under \$40,000.

At the beginning of the year, we started with around \$67,000. It's been a slow depletion, but we trust that God is in control and knows our plans better than we can imagine. We are trying to reach many people and local businesses who need to be made aware of the ministry. This takes time, planning, and relying on God to guide our steps daily. However, we have to balance the priority of serving our clients first; therefore, we cannot always be in full fundraiser mode.



We're actively assisting clients with vital needs related to every financial obstacle you can think of and offering guidance through life's various obstacles. One of our recent efforts involves supporting a brave individual facing the challenges of domestic abuse. Our team is dedicated to helping her recognize her worth and providing the emotional and spiritual support she needs to rebuild her life. www.godis.com

RELATIONAL APPROACH - ONE BY ONE

What truly sets ATLAS of the Lakes apart is our approach. We're not just offering temporary relief; we're committed to breaking negative cycles and fostering lasting change. We lovingly encourage our clients to stand on their own feet, empowering them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Our daily reliance on God guides us in this mission, providing the strength and wisdom necessary to support those we serve. It's a community effort, and with your continued support or newfound desire to support, we're confident that we can help more individuals find hope and stability and pay it forward one day! Just the other day, we had a previous client walk in and donate \$400. She said we saved her life, and if it weren't for ATLAS, she wouldn't have made it. We both hugged and gave all the glory to God! I can't tell you how proud she was, as was I, to give back to a ministry that helped her when she was at her lowest.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, we're transforming lives and building a stronger, more compassionate community.

Warmest regards,

Tonya Kuranda, Director
ATLAS of the Lakes

