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**Hello Lakes ATLAS Family,**

**Thanks to all of you who came to the ribbon cutting and to those who have been in to shop with us! If you haven't stopped in, you are missing out!**

**We will be having our Annual Lakes ATLAS Happy Hour Fundraiser at The Well Coffee Shop & Eatery on Saturday, April 25th. (Flyer Below) We hope you will all join us!**

**Current State Homeless Action:**

As of January 2026, Lakes ATLAS and the Okoboji Bible Conference have entered into an agreement to use their properties as a homeless shelter at a rate of \$25 per person per day. The home has a top floor for females with or without children and a bottom floor for men. We also have the same agreement with Lutheran Lakeside Camp regarding units when they are available. Both agreements are available during the off-season. We will be working with local campgrounds for the Summer and Fall seasons, as well as with a private provider for longer-term stays while people rebuild and get on their feet.

As of today 3/4/26, we have housed:

**3 Families with children**

**1 Couple**

**2 Women**

**6 Men**

In our longer-term housing, we have: (this is not family-friendly, singles only)

**1 Women**

**4 Men**

We have taken several individuals who were not tied to our community to homeless shelters in Sioux Falls, Sioux City, and Fort Dodge. Given the volume we are experiencing, this will continue in our practice for those without ties to our county.

There has been an uptick in the need for essentials in our client base, both because of the homeless houses and in general. We are short or out of the following items for the Essentials Closet:

**Dish Soap**

**Trash bags**

**Adult Vitamins**

**Laundry pods**

**Razors**

**Dryer Sheets**

**Sponges**

**Food Storage Bags (all sizes)**

**Disinfectant wipes**

This time of year, our funding slows after the holidays, and we ask if you can, and if God leads you, your donations would be greatly appreciated. I believe in this ministry 100+% and know the work God is doing through us is helping to change and encourage so

many people in our community. All of our churches and donors make it possible, and we thank you so much for that.

Please keep us in your prayers; the weeks have been long and heavy-hearted with so many tragic and unfortunate client cases here recently. We LOVE being God's hand and feet in all of it, we need his constant strength!

I will share one of the current cases with you. A couple of weekends ago, I received a call from Discovery House that a young man had slept on the porch (it was only 18°). My husband and I went to pick him up. His name is Daniel, and he just turned 19 in February. Here are Daniel's life events:

Age 9, near Sioux City, he was taken from his home because it was a meth house, and he went to live with his grandparents shortly after his mother died of an overdose.

Age 13, Both Grandparents pass away, and he is sent to his uncle in CA.

At age 14, he is so unhappy at his Uncle's that he is sent to his Aunts in Iowa.

At age 17, he was sent to Job Core, which then shut down when he was 18.

At age 18, he went to stay with a friend, had a breakdown, and spent a few weeks in a mental health facility.

At age 18, a Friend in the Lakes Area invites Daniel to live with him.

At age 19, his friend gets engaged, and the fiancée kicks him out, knowing he has no place to go.

We have been housing Daniel for a couple of weeks now. This young man is so sweet and has a great disposition despite his past. We are working to get him a job and a home. We (the Lakes ATLAS family) will be his support, one that will not leave him, one that will help him to find some peace in a world that has been nothing but chaos from a young age. Please lift this young man up in prayer, he truly has such potential.

If you would like to help us support Daniel financially, please visit our website and donate.

Love and Blessings,  
Regina 😊



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# THE ANNUAL LAKES ATLAS SPRING FUNDRAISER

2026  
SATURDAY **25<sup>th</sup>** APRIL  
4-6pm

THE WELL COFFEE HOUSE  
AND EATERY  
1303 18TH ST. SPIRIT LAKE

Please join us for some  
beautiful music by  
Karina VanWhe  
& Martin Mendez

Treats & Coffee

*Thank you!*  
**Grandview  
Baptist Church  
for the Essential  
Panrty Drive!!**

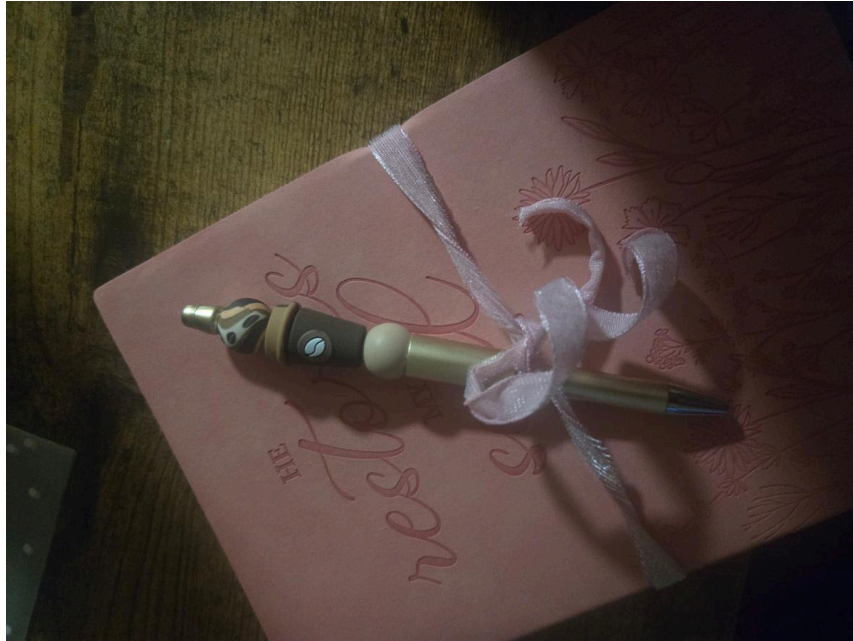


**Take a look at a few of the items in our store!**  
**All Sweatshirts are on sale for \$25 (excluding Freed Sailor)**










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**ATLAS**  
Friends to Walk with You in the Tough Times of Life

**Are you struggling with any of life's problems:  
Relational, physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual?**  
We seek to share unconditional love in every advocate relationship.

**By seeking help, our hope for you is threefold:**

- \*Honest self-assessment of your situation
- \*Renewed hope for your future
- \*Growth and betterment in your life

**Life is Often Messy**  
There are unlimited problems that we may face in our lives. The scary things start with more minor problems out build upon themselves. They can sneak up on you until you suddenly realize that your life is spinning out of control. Here are some of the areas that we walk through with the people we talk to.

**We offer support.**

**Down & Out? There is Hope**  
No matter what you're going through, no matter the reason why you're down and out, we want to help pull you out of the low spot you find yourself in. The reasons are many, but each reason has a solution. We offer encouragement.

**Providing A Listening Ear**  
Sometimes you need somebody to talk to. We've been there before ourselves. We're here to be that person listening to your story, especially the problems you are facing. Sometimes you figure things out just by talking and letting it out. At other times, it might take a gentle nudge in the right direction. We offer hope.

**Networking Caregivers**  
We know people who know people. If you have a need that we can't fulfill, there's a decent chance we'll put you in touch with someone who can. We offer solutions.



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