

ATLAS of Lyon County

Together Touching Lives for Christ

If one falls down, his friend can help him up, but pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Ecclesiastes 4:10

Director's Corner.....Lisa Vande Stouwe



Faithful Friends and Partners, as I take some time to sit and reflect on the past 4 months since our last newsletter I can't help but lift my hands in praise and thanksgiving for all the amazing things God has done through this ministry; helping a single mother feed her children when auto repairs depleted her grocery money, helping a family of 5 get housing and a car after fleeing an abusive situation, getting assistance to numerous homeless individuals living in the park... and the list goes on and on. ATLAS is not only a welcoming place for clients but also for many wonderful volunteers.

A client shares her words, "Without ATLAS of Lyon County I wouldn't be getting back on my feet. They helped me with groceries for our children and got me hooked up with Center for Financial Education to help me set up a plan to get my debts paid. Thank you for all you do for us that are struggling." To put it simply, we are here to help the hurting. ATLAS provides a loving environment to walk beside, listen, encourage, disciple and pray with individuals in times of need and pain.

ATLAS works with churches, schools, nursing homes, treatment centers and resource organizations throughout the community and county. As a Christian non-profit ministry we do not receive any financial assistance from the county or state therefore we rely solely on the funds from wonderful donors like you. ATLAS believes that your tithes belong to your local church and your donations are received as a gift to this ministry.

My prayer is that you will be the hands and feet of Christ through your support as a prayer partner, a mentor, a volunteer, or be donating to our thrift store or food pantry. To learn more about ATLAS and how you can serve this ministry please call or stop by anytime. God's Blessings, Lisa.
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Supply Our Students

At ATLAS we believe every child deserves to have school supplies regardless of their families financial condition. If you feel blessed to help with this ministry please call our office for more information. You can also contribute through drop off sites at Pizza Ranch and Dollar General in Rock Rapids.



Center for Financial Education.....Kristi Robinson



We are so happy to welcome Kristi Robinson from Center for Financial Education to our office! CFE is a non-profit organization that offers free financial education for individuals and families in need of financial assistance. They offer a Christian approach to provide compassionate assistance to families—enabling them to transform their lives. To schedule and appointment with Kristi or for more information on service available, please call the ATLAS of Lyon County office.

Staff Members

- Lisa Vande Stouwe.....Director
- Tim Ryals.....Staff Mentor
- Ashley Lewis.....Office Manager
- Susan Blair.....Store Manager

Board Members

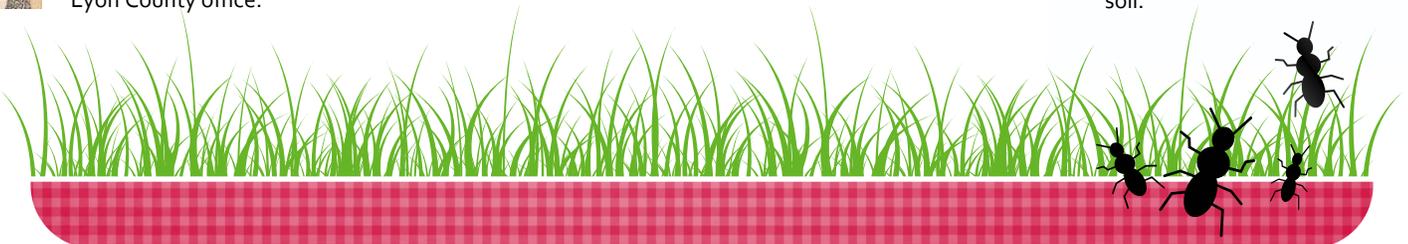
- Dr. Eugene Ver Steeg
- John Hulshof
- Sr. Judi Angst
- Randy Freerks
- Paul Altena

Important Dates

- The Browns
Aug. 18 @ 6:30
- S.O.S. Program
Month of August
- Bread of Life
4th Wednesday of Each Month

Laundry Soap Recipe

In a gallon jug dissolve ¼ cup washing soda, ¼ cup borax and a few cups of hot water. When mixed well fill with cold tap water leaving room for 3 tablespoons of Dawn dish soap. Swirl to mix and store in a sturdy sealable container. Makes 1 gallon. Use 1/2 to 1 cup of detergent per load depending on size and amount of soil.





New Faces

Look for these folks, new to the thrift store and ATLAS:

- Susan Blair
- Lorna Koedam
- Virginia Wibben
- Cherrie Hill
- Barb Hoogendoorn

In Memory of...

We would like to thank Don and Doris Calkins for their donation in memory of their cousin's husband, John Pemberton.

Also, we would like to thank Kevin and Judy DeKam for a donation made in honor of Bert and Albertha Smidstra, Judy's parents.

Food Pantry Grocery List

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Toilet Paper, Canned Fruit
- Tissues and Paper Towels
- Boxed Meals and Fruit Juice
- Mac N Cheese and Dish Soap
- Baby Wash and Deodorant
- Empty Laundry Detergent Containers

ATLAS Wish list

- Digital Camera, Light Bulbs
- AA and AAA Batteries
- Wrinkle Releaser, Stamps
- Large Black Trash Bags
- Kitchen Garbage Bags

The Browns

Sharing Music from the Heart... Family Style!

The Browns, a southern gospel group from LeMars, IA, will be in Inwood at the New Life Church on August 18th and will start at 6:30pm; come early for a good seat and bring a friend! A freewill offering will be taken at intermission for ATLAS of Lyon County. For more information on The Browns, please visit their website (www.thebrownsmusic.com) Don't miss this chance to see them perform close to home!



Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Bubba's Backyard.....Tim Ryals

In every life comes a time when we all could use a hand. Maybe you have taken a fall and just need a little support while you get back to your feet or maybe the situation is worse and you have tumbled over a cliff and you have no means of rescuing yourself. In both of these scenarios the one who has fallen has a decision to make, will I stay in my fallen condition or will I cry out for help.

Here at ATLAS of Lyon County we want to be the one who answers the call for help. Daily we encounter many lives who, for one reason or another, seem to have taken a fall. Some have simply stumbled along the way and need a caring hand and a listening ear to get them back on their feet. Others have tumbled over the cliff of despair and have become blinded by their desperate situation and require a greater level of intervention to effect a rescue.

Here at ATLAS we rejoice each time we hear the call for help because we know that means that someone has decided that they want out of there circumstances. Thank you so much for partnering with us through prayer and your financial support, we offer the hand of Christ to a lost and dying world that so desperately needs rescue.



Lost but Found, A Thrifty Store

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad... he was lost and is found. Luke 15:32

June 1, 2013 marked our 1 year anniversary of the opening of our thrift store to help offset the financial needs of the ATLAS ministry next door. Your wonderful donations continue each day to come in our back door. We praise God for this continued blessing and say a big Thank You to all so we can continue to offer resale at a fraction of the cost to our customers. Some of our clients receive vouchers for items in the store for which they are very grateful!

Due to the generosity of Pizza Ranch and H&S Home Center of Rock Rapids we will soon have a new drop off box in the Pizza Ranch parking lot open 24/7 for your donation convenience. Thanks go to these business's for making this possible!

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Open Tues-Fri 10am-5:30pm and **EVERY** Sat 10am-3pm

