

# ATLAS of Lyon County

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## Director's Corner

Lisa Vande Stouwe



### What is ATLAS?

"A place to come when you don't know where to turn."

For people struggling down a rough place on life's road, ATLAS is a safe, confidential place to come in and let it all out. Our services are free to the public. We listen, encourage, and pray with folks who come through our door. We make referrals and do our best to love each person, guide them in the right direction, and walk with them on their journey- regardless of the distance.

*"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*

In 2016, our office held 1,164 appointments in which we shared life and learned, strategized ways to work together and improve, prayed and grew alongside those we serve; all different backgrounds and circumstances. The Bread of Life Food Ministry including the Emergency Food Pantry served 881 FAMILIES in the Lyon County Area, not only helping with food but providing a network of support and encouragement, a place to reach out when no one else could be there for them.

We are excited to find ways to touch lives for CHRIST in our community. We don't receive any city, county, state or government funding; this kingdom work continues to be done through your personal gifts. We let each person know they matter. They matter to Jesus and they matter to us!

*Thank you to the family and friends that chose to honor their loved ones with a donation to the ATLAS Ministry. Lives have been touched in Christ's name because of Dixie Kahl, Verna Duin, Rodney Hulshof and Joy Rosene.*

## Staff Members

Lisa Vande Stouwe

Executive Director

Beth Judd

Mentor Coordinator

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## Upcoming Dates

Stampede Fundraiser

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm - Get your tickets at the ATLAS office

Lord, Fill Our Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month 9am- 10am

Bread of Life Food Ministry

February 22 and March 22



## Mentor Coordinator Update

Beth Judd

Change occurred on a number of levels at ATLAS of Lyon County in 2016. Below are the *Mentor Program* highlights from Beth Judd, our Mentor Coordinator:

- A handful of new *one-on-one mentoring* relationships prayerfully and successfully developed as participants focused on meeting twice a month for intentional Christian friendship, a listening ear, spiritual encouragement and prayer
- The start of *Lord, Fill Our Cup*, providing a safe and casual place for women to come together for Scripture reading, Observation reflection, Application discussion, and Prayer (**SOAP**)
- Women of Worth (*WOW*), a dedicated and dynamic small group of women growing alongside one another as the Body of Christ
- Now known to us as the ATLAS of Lyon County Annex, the building located at 111 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (across the street from the office and Lost But Found thrift store) became available for rent while we were in the process of outgrowing our office space and began preparing further small group fellowships

Over the course of the past nine months, 21 different women attended a *Lord, Fill Our Cup* meeting, 8 different women engaged in a *WOW* study and 10 different individuals actively participated in the Mentor Program. Without a doubt, your ongoing contribution to ATLAS of Lyon County is helping, equipping and uniting people to one another and to the Lord. *Thank you* for entrusting God's work here to us!

Please remain in prayer for us in 2017 as we further *think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works (Hebrews 10:24, NLT)*. To get more closely involved or receive more information pertaining to the *Mentor Program*, please contact Beth at [beth.j@atlasoflyoncounty.org](mailto:beth.j@atlasoflyoncounty.org), (412) 996-1670 or the ATLAS of Lyon County office. *Thanks in advance and God bless!*



Larry Reck, a faithful volunteer, unloading a delivery of items from one of our drop-off sites.

## Lost but Found ~ A Thrifty Store

Vicki Slack



I would like to extend a Happy New Year to all of you and if you haven't stopped by Lost but Found, please do so. We have something for everyone and even those hard to buy for folks!

Also, check out our newly constructed Facebook page where you will find the latest happenings in the store. If you have any questions regarding the store please feel free to call us at 712-472-0117 and we would be happy to help you in any way.

If you feel led to volunteer please call the store at the above number or the ATLAS Office at 472-9016 and ask for Vicki. I would be glad to visit with you about becoming a volunteer. Volunteering is such a rewarding position. So many of our volunteers tell me how much they need to be here just as much as we need them! It is a win-win situation! *"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap the harvest"*