



ATLAS

OF WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

ABOUNDING IN HOPE



Last month some good friends of mine, Jake and Corie, were baptized together. If you joined us at our Dessert Fundraiser in April, you heard Corie share her testimony about God's great work in her life. After much struggle and heartache in their lives, it was so exciting to see

them together publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ. Jake said afterward that he felt like a burden had been lifted off his shoulders. Corie said she didn't know what joy felt like till then.

Paul says in Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." That's our prayer for everyone we are serving through ATLAS. That like Jake and Corie, they may "abound in hope" as they are filled with the joy and peace that comes from trusting in Jesus.

There are many ways you can help us share the hope of Jesus with those in need. You can serve as a mentor, volunteer with us, sign up to be a prayer partner, or support ATLAS financially. Visit atlaswcmn.org to find out how or call me at 320.441.2250.

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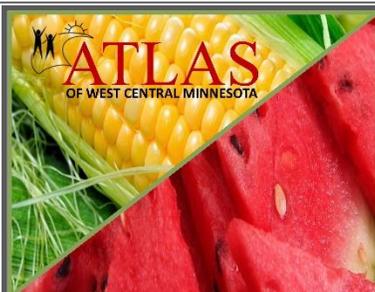
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JOIN US FOR GRILLED SWEET CORN & FRESH WATERMELON

WHAT: ATLAS Sweet Corn & Watermelon Feed

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2017, 11am to 6pm

WHERE: Kandi Mall Parking Lot, 1605 1st Street S, Willmar, MN

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HELPING THE HURTING

73%

Percentage of people mentored by ATLAS who have experienced some type of physical, sexual, or verbal abuse in their lives.

24%

Percentage of people mentored by ATLAS who reported not having anyone to talk to about major life issues.

51%

Percentage of people mentored by ATLAS who reported contemplating or attempting suicide at some point in their life.

97%

Percentage of people mentored by ATLAS who report struggling with at least one of the following: loneliness, hopelessness, or broken relationships.

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

SAFE HARBOR HOUSE

The ATLAS Safe Harbor House is a partnership between ATLAS, United Community Action, and Living Hope Church. Through the house, we provide a safe place to stay for families with children experiencing



homelessness. At the end of June, the first family to stay in the house moved into their own apartment. The next family moved into the house a few days later.

If you are part of a church small group or Bible study that is looking for an outreach/service opportunity, consider helping us support and encourage the families that stay in the Safe Harbor House. We are looking for small groups from any church willing to connect with the family on a weekly basis throughout the duration of their stay in the home to let them know they are loved and not alone. If you are part of a group interested in helping in this way, you can email us at info@atlaswcmn.org or call 320-441-2250 for more information.

THANK YOU!

We've been blown away by the volunteer support we've received over the past several months. In addition to mentoring, volunteers have helped us in the office, made and served desserts at our Dessert Fundraiser in April, walked in the Prinsburg 4th of July Parade with us, helped us in the Cash Wise Brat Stand, prayed diligently for us, and served the families staying in our Safe Harbor House. Thank you so much for all your help and support!



PARTNER WITH ATLAS FINANCIALLY

Thank you to the individuals, churches, and businesses who have made one-time or monthly donations to ATLAS. We can't do it without you! You can join us as a financial partner by:

1. Mail – Donations can be mailed to ATLAS WCMN, PO BOX 1511, Willmar, MN 56201
2. Online – Visit www.atlaswcmn.org/give to donate safely and securely online.
3. Automatic Withdrawal – We have automatic withdrawal forms available upon request.

