



ATL Foundation News

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Helping the Women in our Community

The ATL Foundation Board is pleased to give grants to women in our community. In the past two years fundraising has been ever more difficult, but the needs have been on-going. Three of the recent grant recipients have graciously agreed to share their stories with you.

"My name is Wendy and I am battling stage four breast cancer. The ATL Foundation has been my life-saver, literally! (Due to my illness I have been unable to work and lost my insurance benefits. I have been trying to get on social security disability for nearly two years. The process is very difficult, even with legal aid.) Their help has given me hope...hope of survival. When you're going through a life or death illness and someone steps in to pay your rent and utilities and fills your prescriptions, they are really responsible for saving your life. By taking away the stress of paying for everyday necessities (all my resources were exhausted) you can give your full attention to beating the disease that is trying to take over your body. I feel I owe my life to ATL for their help!"

"I am grateful to a supporter of ATL who told me about the grant program because at the time I had no idea if I was going to end up on the street. I had an on-the-job injury and I was unable to work and was then fired. I couldn't pay an attorney or my daily living expenses, or simply keep a roof over my head. Currently I am on the road to another career and taking care of my health, but without ATL I would have ended up on welfare. My appeal and medical retirement are still in the process of being accepted. When I am able, I fully intend to pay the ATL back for their help."

"My name is Judy and I receive \$649/month from the Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) program. Many people believe that with a medical condition based on four separate SSDI recognized medical disabilities, the Medicaid and Food Stamp programs would automatically step in and help. But I didn't qualify for either Medicaid or Food Stamps because I was \$20-\$30 over the maximum income level. If I was to purchase every drug prescribed to me, my co-pays would add up to at least \$639/month, even when using generic drugs when possible. It's been years since I've seen a dentist. My vision continues to deteriorate and I need new specialized glasses every year to see the best I can. At \$950 per pair, I can't afford them. I still have to pay for food, rent, and transportation as well. With the economy as it is and funding being down, I know all charities have had to be more selective in who, what and how they help others. Still, ATL has been there for me as a lesbian and has improved my quality of life dramatically by purchasing my glasses for the last three years."

Mark Your Calendar and Save these Dates !

Wine & Strings Brunch - October 5th, 2003

Enjoy the rich resonance as the strings play softly while you relax in the ambiance of good conversation, late flowers in bloom, wine and mouth watering food. Join us for this exquisite fall event!

Call 303-424-1207 to receive a personal invitation.

Bowling - November 15th, 2003

Our last fundraiser of the year is a "bowl" of fun! Each November, we gather friends to meet new friends, bowl, win fun prizes and eat mountains of snacks. Come out, have a great time and help women in need. Event cards are mailed in October.

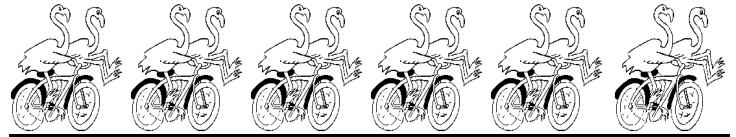
NEW Corporate Sponsorship Package in 2004!

The ATL Foundation has established a Corporate Sponsorship Package, which will be available in 2004. The corporate package allows participating companies the opportunity to promote their business through advertising and outreach to women in our community. Furthermore, the package will increase funding to the ATL Foundation and allow us to sponsor more women in need of assistance.

The Corporate Sponsorship Packages include various levels of advertising and recognition at all ATL events, newsletters, website, etc. The packages will be:

GOLD Package - \$5,000
SILVER Package - \$2,500
BRONZE Package - \$1,000

Please contact an ATL Board member or email ATL at ATL@ATLfoundation.org if you would like more information on this program.



Ways to Give to ATL

Gifts of cash and other donations received at ATL events are always appreciated. Did you know there are other ways to provide financial support to ATL? The following options not only can be easy but also can provide additional tax benefits beyond those of charitable contributions. You may want to talk with your accountant or financial advisor about these tax benefits.

- Gifts of stock via direct transfer
- Name ATL as beneficiary in your will
- Name ATL as beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy
- Establish a charitable gift annuity or charitable trust with ATL as a beneficiary
- Name ATL as a recipient of a regular automatic withdrawal and payment (Note: the ATL board cannot provide tax advice since we are not experts in financial planning.)

There are many ways to help ATL, you may want to consider some of the following or make your own suggestions:

- Volunteer to help with an event
- Ask your friends to attend an event with you (the Fall Brunch would be a great example).
- Donate items or services for event prizes or auctions (Are you an Artist? Donate your artwork to ATL.)

There are other fun ways to give to ATL - how about creating your own fundraiser and donating the proceeds to ATL. These are a few fun ideas:

- Host a poker night at your house with friends
- Throw a theme party and request a nominal donation per guest
- Have a bike ride with sponsored pledges
- Host a casino night with a 50/50 pot in which half the proceeds go to the winner and half to ATL
- Host a game night of dominos, cards, scrabble, yatzee, etc.
- Have a lip-sync or karaoke party
- Maybe a dinner party is more your style

Talk to us about any of these ideas or some of your own, contact us via the information provided on the front of this newsletter or use our e-mail address: ATL@ATLfoundation.org

Whether you use any of these ideas or some of your own, any generated funds can help someone else in need. Every contribution is important whether it is \$25.00, \$100.00 or more; all are accepted with gratitude.



Some of the winners at this years "Spring Swing" Golf Event

Finally a Website!

The ATL foundation is proud to announce the initial rollout of our new website. You'll find our mission, application and assistance information, a schedule of upcoming events and much, much more. Starting in August you may visit our website for current information concerning the ATL foundation at:

www.ATLfoundation.org

Thank you!

Special thanks to those who have made it possible to give assistance to our community:

- All the participants of our bingo, golf, and bowling fundraisers
- Dr. Jacqueline Byer
- Dougal's Catering for catering our brunch.
- Jennifer Woodard-liaison for LCSS
- Pat Benjamin and Cindy Ashton
- Yvonne Baca
- Susan Carabello-board retreat facilitator
- "BAD" Babes Around Denver:
 - Dede Frain
 - Becky Rudolph
- Sponsors of holes for our golf tournament:
 - Sue Boynton for State Farm Insurance
 - Kellie Mitchell for Aperture Art
 - Fran Coet for Coet and Coet, P.C. Accountants
 - Margaret Burd for Magpie Telecom Insiders
 - Becky Brinkman for Sheridan Park Chiropractic
 - Cindy Garcia
- Home Depot -prize contributions
- Businesses that provide venues for events:
 - Rocky Mountain Lanes (bowling)
 - Mountain View Golf Course
 - Metropolitan Community Church (bingo)
- Davenport Enterprizes for bingo supplies
- Mickey Sanders for "calling" bingo
- Lesbian Cancer Support Services for connecting us with women in need
- Special donations from Tom and Nancy Moore
- Friends and advocates who have helped women in need find us and fill out the necessary forms for assistance.

And to EVERYONE who contributes to, or participates in our fundraising efforts, we do thank you!



Learning to Fly Fish on the Platte River— Proceeds went to ATL

ATL Events

ATL provides aid to women in need through personal donations and four annual fund raising events. The first yearly event is an evening of bingo that includes two favorite and hilarious extras: dysfunctional family feud and our well-received tool belt auction. You're sure to have a fabulous time while shopping our silent auction and supporting women in need.

Next, jump out onto the green and out of the winter doldrums with our annual Spring Swing. Feel good about tuning up your golf game while the majority of your entry fee goes directly to supporting women with financial needs due to illness.

In fall, break out your finery for our annual Wine and Strings Brunch. Live musicians compliment fine catering, wine and the ambiance of good conversation in an exclusive private residence. You won't want to miss this event.

Then in November, it's back to the gutter for our yearly "bowl" of fun! Gather friends and make your own team or we'll put you on a team with new friends. Bond over bowling, snacks and fabulous prizes while supporting a great cause.

The ATL Foundation has no paid board members so all profits go directly to assistance grants for women. Each of these events is sure to lend an atypical twist of fun to your life. Come out, have a great time and help women in need!

Beginning in August, 2003 check our website for event dates and other exciting news:

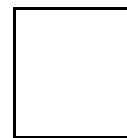
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Lori Fuller, harpist at our first "Wine and Strings" Brunch last fall.



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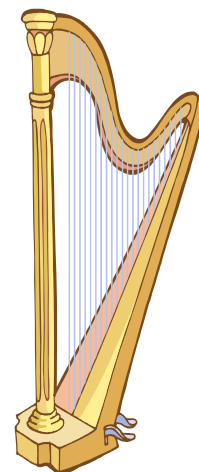
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You are cordially invited to join us for
Our Annual "Wine & Strings Brunch"

**Relax in a lovely setting and enjoy the rich resonance of
wonderful entertainment.**

***October 5, 2003
1:00 p.m.***

\$75.00 per person
All money will benefit the ATL Foundation.



**Call 303-424-1207 if you'd like to join us, or would like more details. Please leave a message anytime.
Space is limited so call early or e-mail us at : ATL@ATLfoundation.org**

In loving memory of Linda D'Orio