

Dear Friends of Atkins House,

I want to thank you all for your generous support of our programs through the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Through the contributions of our donors, big-hearted volunteers, and dedicated staff as well as our Board of Directors Atkins House is now in its 31st year of providing women with "A Chance for Change".

Atkins House continues to maintain 100% compliance with all of the American Correctional Association mandatory and non-mandatory standards for the third year in a row.

This past year staff members who have access to the internet were given e-mail addresses through The Gilman Group. All staff now have addresses with their full names @atkinshouse.org. Be sure to visit our website at www.atkinshouse.org.

We received a Freas Foundation grant for box springs and mattresses and were able to purchase 15 new sets and had enough money left over to get new bedspreads and bed table lamps for all the women.

The staff held a retreat on March 18th. The workshop "Developing Ourselves" was presented by Liz Webber and focused on team building. Board members stayed in the residential building so that the whole staff could attend the meeting.

Jennifer S. Raffensberger, President
Atkins House Board of Directors

Annual Report of the Executive Director 2005-2006

Atkins House had a total of 35 residents in our program this past year. Thirteen of those residents were still in the program at the end of the fiscal year. We had 20 successful completions during the year. None of the residents who successfully completed were returned to prison for parole violations or committed a new crime. Of those who did not complete successfully, 1 was returned to prison for a parole violation. Funding for the residential program comes from a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

During the past year we saw 70 clients for individual counseling in our out-patient program here at Atkins House and at the prison. We held two treatment groups per week, relapse prevention and relapse prevention for criminal behaviors at Atkins House and one relapse prevention group per week at York County Prison. Residents also attended one lifeskills group per week and one HIV/AIDS Education/Prevention group per week. Pre-tests and Post-tests were used for all groups. The drug and alcohol intervention groups at York County Prison were presented twice a week during the year. Funding for our drug and alcohol counseling program was provided by York/Adams Drug and Alcohol Programs and Community Care Behavioral Health. Sexual abuse counseling, mother/child family counseling and the lifeskills program was funded by individual contributions from the community.

Our HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education group program was delivered to 377 women at York County Prison and 35 women in our residential program. Individual risk reduction counseling was delivered to 262 clients at the prison and at Atkins House. Eighty percent of clients who participated in the risk reduction counseling reported a reduction in high-risk behaviors. We also delivered a Special Initiatives program for 125 youth at Crispus Attucks. This program included HIV/AIDS Education/Prevention and lifeskills. Funding for this program was provided by The Family Health Council of South Central Pennsylvania. Atkins House received the Kenneth Teich Memorial Award for Excellence in Programming from the Family Health Council.

Susan Baugh
Executive Director

The mission of Atkins House is to provide opportunities for the woman offender to develop her potential for a responsible, productive and law-abiding life.

Atkins House has a success rate of 86% in changing the lives of women offenders and helping them reunite with their families and lead productive lives. Women offenders can change their lives, remain crime-free, drug and alcohol free and stay employed in our community. Their "chance for change" is greater with the on-going support services offered by Atkins House.

Atkins House Staff Members

Susan Baugh, Executive Director
Sandra Grove, Associate Director
Valerie Alwine, Administrative Assistant
Tracy Flagle, Resident Manager
Mary Dorm, Residential Administrative Assistant
Betty Griffith, Staff Aide
Karen Washington, Staff Aide
Sandra Sipe, Staff Aide
Jamia Kinnard, Staff Aide
Rose Matthews, Staff Aide
Tennille Coleman, Staff Aide
Amanda Fleetwood, Staff Aide
Matthew Grove, Facilities Clerk
Dean Van Zanardi, Clinical Supervisor
Lorene Brenneman, Treatment Secretary
Jodi Schmidt, HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education Coordinator
Jaceita Walker, HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education Counselor

**Atkins House
Board of Directors**

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Kristen Sechrist
Mr. Michael Small
Detective Jeff Spence
Ms. Joanne Sullivan
Ms. Sandy Sutherland
Deputy Warden Roger Thomas
Director Kristi Ulrich

Atkins House Treatment Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Other Hours by Appointment

**Copies of the Annual Report and the Annual Audit Report are
available to the public at 313 E. King St.**

Visit our website at www.atkinshouse.org.
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Web Presence Providers.

ATKINS HOUSE 1975-2006

For twenty-nine years Atkins House, a non-profit corporation, has been making it possible for women offenders to rebuild their lives, providing them with a supportive and structured environment. Atkins House was founded in 1975 by local women's organizations who were distressed by the deplorable conditions women were experiencing at the old York County Prison.

The first facility at 307 East King Street was purchased by the Junior League and renovated by students of the York County Vocational/Technical School. It was named for the late Honorable George W. Atkins, known as a friend of those in trouble. Two adjacent houses, 305 East King Street in 1984 and 313 in 1995 have been acquired through the generosity of the Atkins family, local individuals and corporations. These buildings provide residence, classrooms, counseling, office and storage space.

The Residence houses fifteen women placed there by the PA Bureau of Community Corrections. Atkins House has a prison outreach program that includes drug and alcohol individual and group counseling, a lifeskills program and individual and group HIV/AIDS prevention/education counseling. The Atkins House PA Department of Health licensed out-patient treatment program provides individual and group drug and alcohol and HIV/AIDS prevention /education counseling to residents, former residents and any woman offender or ex-offender in York County. All residents participate in the lifeskills program.

Residents are funded through per diems from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Bureau of Community Corrections. Residents contribute 25% of their income from employment to room and board.

Drug and Alcohol counseling is funded through York/Adams Drug and Alcohol Programs. HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention counseling is funded through the PA Department of Health, Family Health Council of South Central PA. Lifeskills, Mother-Child counseling, Sexual Abuse counseling and Victim Awareness counseling is funded through individual community contributions.

ATKINS HOUSE

VISION STATEMENT

Atkins House will serve as an advocate for resources and support for women offenders in jails, prisons, community corrections facilities and ex-offenders in the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Atkins House is to provide opportunities for the woman offender to develop her potential for a responsible, productive and law-abiding lifestyle.

BELIEFS STATEMENT

- We believe in the inherent value and uniqueness of each woman we serve. Respect for the individual shall be at the core of everything we do, every decision we make.**
- We believe leadership in our field positions us to be a positive force for change. We shall be uncompromising in our commitment to deliver programs and services worthy of recognition for superior quality, innovation and notable outcomes.**
- We believe positive outcomes for the women we serve are driven by dedication and commitment to mission and the expertise and experience of our staff. We will support their efforts accordingly.**
- We believe a strong financial model is essential to our future.**

VALUES STATEMENT

The Atkins House service delivery system must be client centered.

- **Services will reflect the needs and goals of the individual.**
- **Services will be provided without regard to race, creed or sexual orientation.**
- **Services will be provided in a confidential, non-judgmental and compassionate manner.**
- **The Atkins House service delivery system must be comprehensive, coordinated and cost effective.**
- **Services provided will reflect a continuum of care including counseling, case management and supportive needs.**
- **Services will assist clients in ways that help them enhance their lives.**
- **The Atkins House service delivery system must ensure quality care.**
- **Atkins House Board of Directors and Staff will commit to the mission and vision of the organization.**
- **Services will reflect the current recommended treatment and relapse prevention techniques for all programs.**