# Annual Report 2023 2024

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# • Come along with me, the best is yet to be. ••

- Robert Browning

## Welcome to Our Year in Review!



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# A Message from Our Executive Director

As I reflect on the past year I instantly smile. It was a "big" year for all of us. We grew at an unprecedented rate. We lived our mission to inspire, create, and engage opportunities for all. We built a community, offered a place for people to feel a sense of belonging and we created a safe space for people to learn and grow. We settled into our new home and made it our own.

This year we launched the Great Opportunities (GO) program through the Opportunities Fund with Employment and Social Development Canada, we introduced our Resilient Community program through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and we started a Digital Literacy Exchange Program through our partnership with Literacy Link South Central. We joined our new Service System Manager (The City of London) and became part of the London Regional Employment Services (LRES) network.

We changed our reputation of being one of London's best kept secrets and opted to put ourselves out in the city literally. We had massive images of our team on the sides of buses and on large billboards. We attended every event we could, we invited new people into our space, and we expanded our partnerships everywhere we were able. Our social media platforms focused on showing people who we are and inviting them to get to know us.

The ATN team is impossible to describe. You almost need to be here to feel it and experience the authenticity, the determination and the commitment to supporting people along their journey. The gratitude that comes from leading our organization is immense and never-ending. The look back feels wonderful, but the look forward feels even better. I can't wait for what's next.

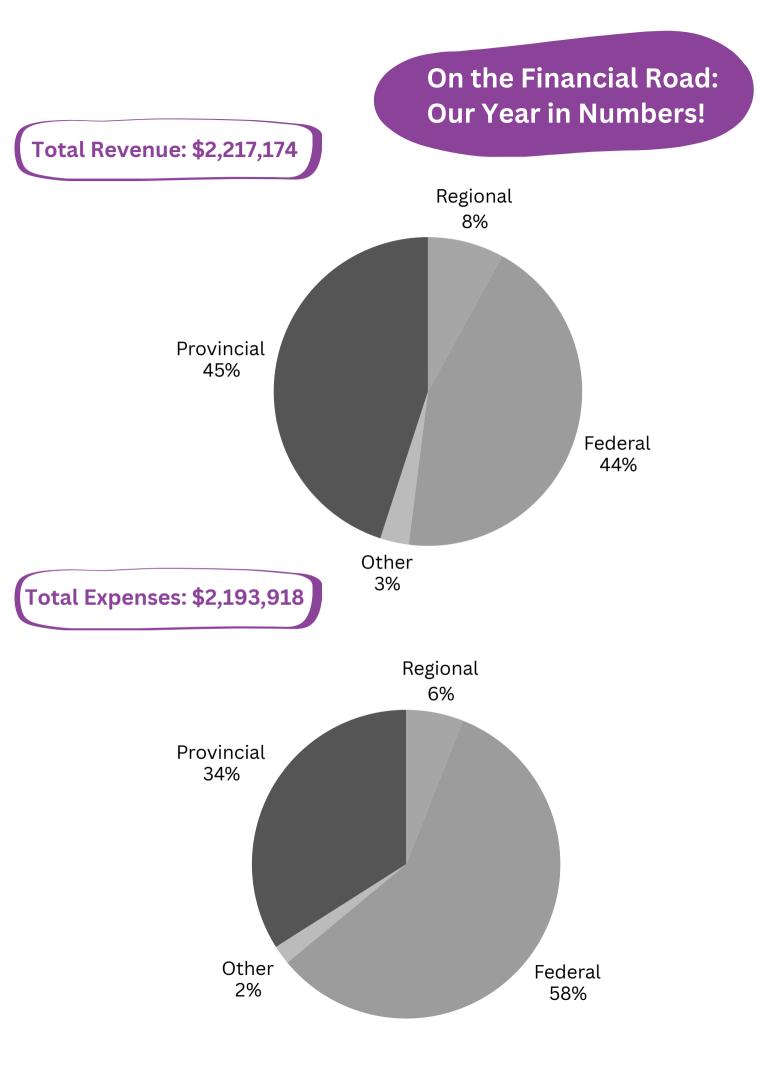
Sincerely,

Bobbie Jo Barker Executive Director



**Bobbie Jo Barker** 





Social Media Station: Mapping Our Presence!

Shared updates and behind-thescenes moments to engage and build community

> Highlighted employer partnerships and collaborative successes

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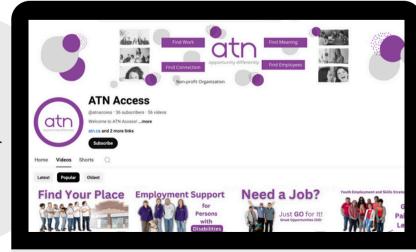
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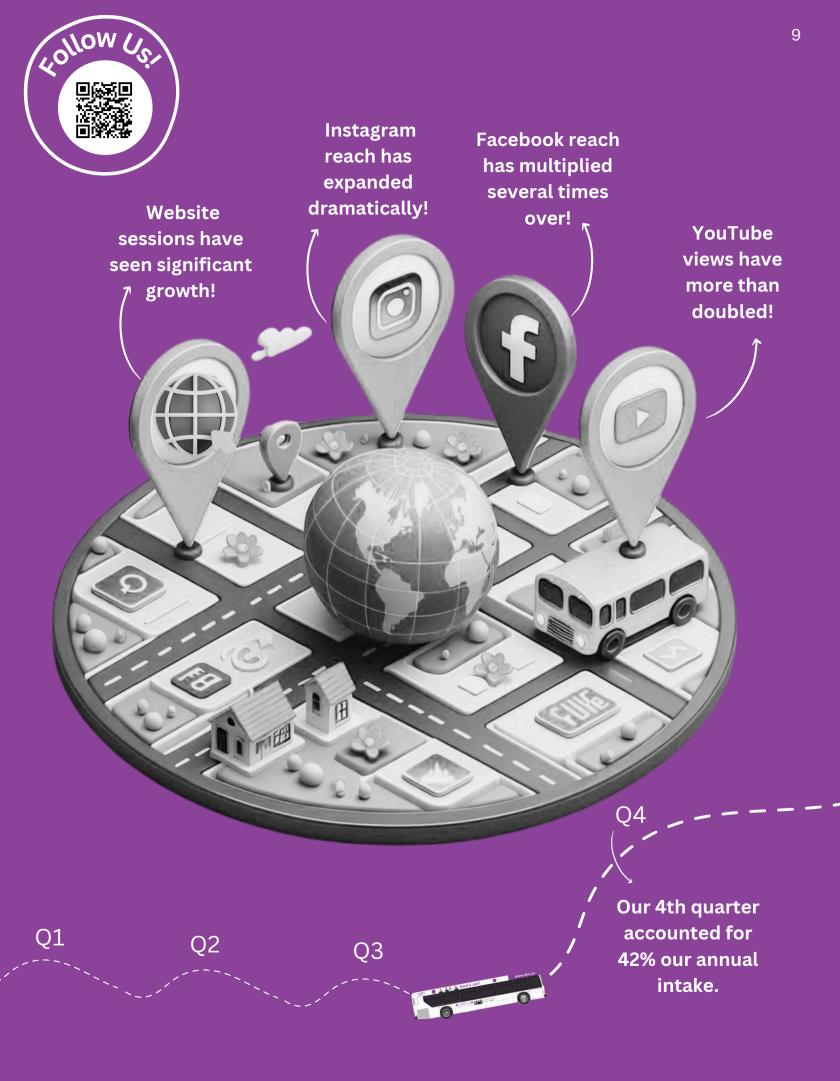
Built connections by showcasing our team's human side, fostering trust, and sparking interest in our services

We launched our **YouTube** channel and achieved over **10,000 views**!



#### Enhanced Impact with Engaging Video Content!





#### London Regional Employment Services (City of London - Service System Manager)

Personalized one-on-one employment preparation and job matching tailored to individual needs, empowering success in both work and life goals

#### **Digital Literacy Training**

#### Digital Literacy Exchange Project (Literacy Link South Central)

Tailored digital skills training provided through personalized one-on-one sessions and interactive group workshops



#### **Employment Training Programs**

#### YESS

#### (Youth Employment and Skills Strategy)

Equipped participants with crucial skills that propel them towards their career goals

#### GO

#### (Opportunities Fund)

Empowered participants with engaging classes and workshops to achieve employment ambitions

#### Personal Growth & Wellness

#### Back to Your Future (Ontario Trillium Foundation)

Built community by bringing people together through support groups, workshops, and events

#### Be Well

#### United Way Elgin Middlesex)

Inspired people who face daily hurdles to build positive relationships and develop new skills



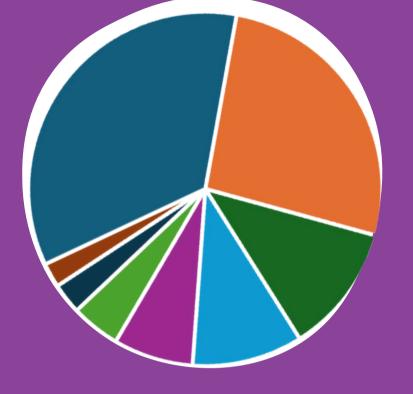


### **Our Partners**

#### Thank you to our incredible Employer Partners!



## **Our Peeps**



#### Psychiatric/Trauma Physical

- ASD/Asperger's (Autism Spectrum)
- Learning
- ADHD
- Developmental
- Visual
- Hearing

Workplace Assessments and Adaptations

**1075** Employer Contacts Made



63

Employment

Positions

Secured

161

**303** People Received Employment Counseling



## 61

Learners Improved Digital Literacy Skills

115

Job

**Placements** 

Achieved

## 227

Workshops / Life Skills Sessions Conducted

## 39

Participants Improved Anxiety Symptoms



"When I am at ATN I feel a sense of belonging. I also feel supported in my goals. I feel encouraged that I can achieve and succeed in everyday life."

"I feel like I belong and am understood"

"At ATN I feel





"A feeling of acceptance. I feel honoured with honesty. Like my dreams can be fulfilled."



Traveling Through Art!



"That I can achieve what I set out to do."

validated, accepted, confidant and loved."

Creating Comfortable Routes: Our Multi-sensory Spaces.

Sound panels reduce noise levels, enhancing concentration and productivity

**Plants** improve air quality, reduce stress, and boost overall well-being

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Alternative lighting options cater to individual needs

Comfortable seating and massage chairs create welcoming spaces





Exercise bikes and heightadjustable desks allow versatility in our workspace Fostering community through food fun

Expressing creativity and developing a positive mindset Mastering Mental Clarity through Mindfulness

Embracing spontaneity and unleashing creativity

Building connections through comfort and community

Welcoming community partners





## Looking Forward

From Roadtrips ... to Cosmic Journeys!

- Articulate the identity of the organization so that everyone knows who we are. (Strategic Plan 2024-2029)
- Build healthy/ meaningful relationships to create exceptional experiences. (Strategic Plan 2024-2029)
- Pursue a social enterprise that provides sustainable revenue for ATN operations. (Strategic Plan 2024-2029)

We are leaving the road and heading into space!

## **Coming Soon**



#### PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

We are exploring uncharted galaxies with our innovative, out-of-this-world offerings in reimagined B2B service delivery



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