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Making An Impact, Inc.

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Making An Impact Receives a \$3,420 Grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

(Lakewood Ranch, FL) – Making An Impact, a community-focused nonprofit dedicated to making a positive change by empowering those in need with information on local resources, has received two grants totaling \$3,420 from the Jerome and Lillian Barnett and Charlotte P. Graver Funds at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. The funds will support strategic planning initiatives to further the organization’s mission.

The grant provides Making An Impact with the financial support needed to comprehensively review its current programs and services and develop a strategic plan for future growth and expansion. This planning process will include gathering input from volunteers, community partners, and other stakeholders. It will help ensure that Making An Impact is well-positioned to continue making a positive impact in the community.

“ We appreciate the support of the Community Foundation of Sarasota and their donors for this support, “ said Victoria Kasdan, Board Chair and co-founder. “ This grant will enable us to take a more strategic approach to our work and better serve our community’s needs. Making An Impact is committed to empowering individuals and communities with information to take action and make a positive change.”

For more information on Making An Impact and their work in the community, visit their website at www.Making-An-Impact.org.

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About Making An Impact

Making An Impact, Inc. (est. 2020) is a local 501 (c)(3) nonprofit empowering residents in need with information on local services that can help. Our comprehensive Community Connections Resource Guide, available in print and online, lists over 300 agencies providing essential need services in Sarasota and Manatee counties. With over 5000 printed copies in circulation and thousands of views online, our resource guide has quickly become one of the area's most trusted and widely used references for where to go to get help. Guide users and advocates include most of the areas social service nonprofits, law enforcement agencies, and faith-based institutions. The organization also curates a well-known Disaster Recovery Resource Guide, which is available in print and online.

Making An Impact Mission Statement

We empower people with information and insight to guide those who need help to organizations that provide it.

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About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of \$460 million in more than 1,570 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$45.3 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than \$395 million to area nonprofit organizations to our community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses.

For more information, visit www.CFSarasota.org or call (941) 955-3000.