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Empowering Change: Making An Impact Announces Three New Grants to Fuel Community Collaboration

[Lakewood Ranch, FL] - Making An Impact, Inc. (MAI) Making An Impact, a nonprofit dedicated to community navigation to basic needs services, is thrilled to share news of several new grant awards to support three new initiatives aimed at guiding those in need to health and human services in our community.

Thanks to a Bradenton Police Forfeiture Grant, MAI will distribute its Basic Needs Resource Guides to low-income families living in Manatee County Housing Authority low-income housing to help tackle the root causes of poverty and promote safety and stability in our neighborhoods.

A second grant from the Manatee Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will provide local first responders with printed copies of MAI Disaster Recovery Resource Guides, handy water-resistant totes, and QR code wallet cards so that those affected by natural disasters can quickly find assistance to begin rebuilding their lives and communities.

Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation Inc. provided the third grant to Making An Impact to support its collaboration with Mothers Helping Mothers, Inc. and their new CARES Navigation Program. With this grant funding, MAI will provide care baskets that include a printed MAI Basic Needs Resource Guide in English or Spanish, a baby bottle or sippy cup, and a children's book. This initiative offers mothers immediate assistance, equips them with self-advocacy tools to find services to support future needs, and promotes literacy for their little ones.

"We are incredibly grateful to the three organizations for their generous grants and the opportunity to collaborate in uplifting our community. Their support is invaluable, and we're excited to share updates on these impactful partnerships soon," said Victoria Kasdan, Board Chair and co-founder of Making An Impact.

For more information, visit www.Making-An-Impact.org

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About Making An Impact

Making An Impact, Inc. (MAI) is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering residents in need by providing them with vital information on local services. Our flagship product, the Community Connections Basic Needs Resource Guide, available in print and online formats, serves as more than just a directory—it's a lifeline. Featuring over 300 agencies offering essential services in Sarasota and Manatee counties, our guide is a trusted and widely utilized resource, with over 7,000 printed copies in circulation and thousands of online views. Endorsed by social service nonprofits, law enforcement agencies, and faith-based institutions, our work is a testament to our impact and credibility. In addition to our Basic Needs guide, we further our commitment to community resilience by offering an online and printed Disaster Recovery Resource Guide and a Pharmacy Discount Resource Guide, available in both printed and downloadable formats.

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