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Making An Impact receives grant from the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund

(Bradenton, FL)—Making An Impact, Inc., (MAI) received a grant from the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation to support updates and printing of the hard copy of the 2022 Community Connections Resource Guide for distribution to organizations serving those in need within Lakewood Ranch and surrounding communities.

“The Lakewood Ranch Community Fund feels confident in the work of your organization and that this investment will have an impact in our community,” said Susie Bowie, Executive Director of the Manatee Community Foundation.

The Community Connections Resource Guide is a comprehensive guide providing residents in Sarasota and Manatee counties with information to connect with more than two hundred essential service agencies, ranging from addiction treatment, to education, food pantries, immigration, mental health, utility assistance and Veteran’s services. Divided into seventeen categories and color-coded by geographic region for ease of use, the guide was developed in line with MAI’s mission to reduce disparities and unmet needs for disadvantaged people in our community. The third edition of the guide will be available in early 2022.

“This grant will help us defray the costs of updating and printing the guide. Providing those in need with timely and up-to-date information is essential to ensuring that people in our community can identify and connect with much needed resources. We are grateful to the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation for their partnership and support of our mission,” said Victoria Kasdan, MAI Board Chair.

More than 1,500 guides were distributed throughout Sarasota and Manatee counties in 2021. The spiral-bound, pocket-sized guides are in use by the American Red Cross, Sarasota Police Department, North Port Police Department, Sarasota Sheriff’s Office, Longboat Key Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Tidewell Hospice, Multicultural Health Institute, Turning Points, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, and other organizations.

Also available online, the guide can be accessed or ordered at <https://www.Making-An-Impact.org>

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