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Making An Impact launches informational website, online version of community services guide

(Sarasota, FL)—Making An Impact, Inc. recently launched an interactive website, creating expanded access to its *Community Connections Resource Guide*. The website also provides a wealth of information on everything from Medicaid to locating low-cost prescription drugs and area activities.

The *Community Connections Resource Guide* was developed in line with Making An Impact's (MAI) mission to reduce disparities and address unmet needs for disadvantaged people in our community. The guide includes more than 200 essential service organizations, enabling users to quickly identify local organizations providing services that address their needs. More than 1,000 copies of the print version of the guide have been distributed throughout Sarasota and Manatee.

"*The Community Connections Resource Guide* was compiled by people from our community for people in our community to address the different ways people gather information, enhance the quality and quantity of information available, and complement existing referral sources," said Victoria Kasdan, MAI Board Chair.

The resource guide is color-coded by location for ease of use, and organized into 17 categories from addiction treatment, education, food pantries and immigration, to mental health, utility assistance and Veteran's services. The spiral-bound, pocket-sized print version of the guide is in use by the American Red Cross, Sarasota Police and Sheriff's departments, Longboat Key Fire, EMS and Police, Tidewell Hospice, the Multicultural Health Institute, Turning Points, Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, and many other organizations across the region.

In addition to the resource guide, MAI's website offers users downloadable pamphlets and fact sheets on critical programs and services, including Medicaid and Medicare, temporary cash assistance, securing low-cost long-term prescription drugs, food pantries, and links to local government and civic organizations, including the Florida Department of Health, Social Security Administration, and Chambers of Commerce.

Making An Impact is a 501 (c)(3) charitable nonprofit established in April 2020. For online access to MAI's *Community Connections Resource Guide* and other vital information visit <https://www.Making-An-Impact.org>