

2023 Impact Report



Our Mission:

To help international students, visiting scholars, immigrants and refugees thrive in the Madison area through hospitality, friendship and cross cultural exchanges.

We are committed to helping them experience and enjoy American culture, make significant friendships, and adjust to life in the United States. Our volunteers and the Madison community also benefit from being exposed to other cultures without having to leave home.

Through dozens of programs and activities, Madison International Partners (MIP) creates opportunities for global awareness and understanding between people of different races, cultures, religions and social backgrounds.

2023 Highlights:



English Conversation Time – Held two sessions each week for practicing English, making friends and learning about different cultures with an average of about 60 attendees per week.

Global Spouse Circle – Held weekly gatherings of about a dozen participants that featured field trips to showcase the best of what Madison has to offer and to help international spouses/partners find friendship and support.

International Cooking and Dinner – Held 7 dinners this year which drew more than 800 participants.

Airport/Bus Pickup – Volunteers provided a warm welcome and safe transportation for more than 100 international students at the beginning of the school year.

Shopping Trips – Coordinated transportation to and from department stores to help students purchase essentials for their apartments or dorms.

Emergency Assistance – Through our Emergency Fund, we helped 3 struggling refugee families from Afghanistan by paying one month of rent for each while they await their work visas.

Career Development Workshops – Conducted free workshops focused on all aspects of a U.S. job search.

Cultural Experiences –

- ✓ In June, 70 international students and visiting scholars participated in Breakfast on the Farm.
- ✓ In July, we held our summer picnic with more than 150 participants.
- ✓ In July, we organized a day trip to Chicago for 15 international students.



- ✓ Also in July, we arranged for 30 international residents to attend their first professional baseball game at Miller Park.
- ✓ At the beginning of September, about 50 international students explored their new city through our Tour of Madison.
- ✓ Also in September, more than 120 participated in our Apple Picking activity at an area orchard followed by a picnic.
- ✓ In early October, we held a session on how to dress for winter in Wisconsin and distributed dozens of hand-knitted hats and scarves thanks to a new partnership with RSVP of Dane County.



Continuing the Connection:

To assist a former MIP program participant who is now practicing medicine in the country of Chad, we helped collect and deliver used medical equipment to establish the country's first microsurgery lab.



Your Support is Critical:

Donate today or volunteer to help continue and expand these programs and activities that mean so much to our international friends and also enrich the Madison community.

- **Mail check** payable to Madison International Partners to 944 E Gorham St, Madison, WI 53703
- **Donate securely online** at <https://internationalmadison.org/>
- **Stock donations and gifts from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution** may be made to Madison International Partners. Contact Jean-Rene at 608-217-3008 for details.
- **Volunteer** – There are many ways to get involved, from one-time events, to weekly programs, to becoming a member of the volunteer board or a committee. For more details on options, call executive director Jean-René Watchou at 608-217-3008 or email him at jeanrene@cpcmadison.org.
- **Giving Through your Will or Trust** – Consider naming Madison International Partners to receive a gift from your will or trust. That may allow you to make a larger gift than you may be able to make during your lifetime. That type of gift made to smaller organization such as Madison International Partners can truly be transformational. Consider speaking with your estate advisor today and provide them with the following information:
 - Legal Name – Madison International Partners, Inc.
 - Federal Tax ID Number – 81-3858061
 - Address – 944 E Gorham St, Madison, WI 53703

"Madison International Partners has been a lifesaver for me. I have met so many amazing people and learned so much about American culture through these programs. I will never forget the experiences and friendships I have made here."

–Yue Pan, student from China