



2022 Impact Report

Our Mission:

To help global citizens living in, or connected to, the Madison area thrive through hospitality, friendship and cross cultural exchanges.

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

How We Help:

We are committed to helping international students, visiting scholars and their families experience and enjoy American culture, make significant friendships, and adjust to life in the United States. Our volunteers and the Madison community benefit from being exposed to other cultures without ever having to leave home.

2022 Highlights:

We're back in-person! Most of our programs, which had been held virtually over the last two years, have now safely resumed in-person activities, although virtual remains an option. Below are some highlights from the year.



English Conversation Time – Held two gatherings each week, either virtually or in-person, for practicing English, making friends and learning about different cultures.

Citizenship Class – Provided free citizenship education for lawful permanent residents (people with green cards) who want to become U.S. citizens. Five participants successfully achieved citizenship.



Global Spouse Circle – Held weekly gatherings, either virtually or in-person, to help international spouses/partners find friendship and support within the Madison community.

Friendship Program – Paired international students with native English speakers for more personalized friendship and support.

Career Development Workshops – Conducted free workshops focused on all aspects of a U.S. job search. Thanks to this program, two participants have landed positions that will move their career forward.

International Cooking and Dinner – Restarted this popular event offering amazing food, culture and fellowship with people from throughout the world.

Airport/Bus Pickup – Volunteers provided a warm welcome and safe transportation from the airport or bus station to their apartment or dorm for about 100 international students and visiting scholars at the beginning of the school year.

Shopping Trips and Madison Tours – In early September, MIP coordinated transportation to and from department stores to help 100 international students purchase essentials for their apartments or dorms. Volunteers also led tours of the downtown and campus area.

Social Gatherings and Trips – Organized several events for both our international friends and volunteers including a summer picnic, ice cream social, apple-picking, pumpkin patch visit, ice-skating and more.



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/>
- **Use AmazonSmile** when you shop on Amazon, and choose Madison International Partners as the charity to benefit for an easy way to support our work without costing you any additional dollars
- **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

“They leave their families and friends behind, thousands of miles away, to pursue their academic dreams and Madison International Partners is here to welcome them.”

—Jean-Rene Watchou, Executive Director