

2024 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 benefit from being exposed to other cultures without having to leave home.

We serve thousands of international students, visiting scholars, immigrants, refugees and their families each year. 2024 Highlights:

At the end of last year, it became clear that the Madison area needed more English language learning classes to meet demand. Therefore, in January Madison International Partners (MIP) addressed that need by implementing an English as a Second Language (ESL) program.



NEW THIS YEAR! English as a Second Language (ESL) – True beginner and intermediate classes are held on Monday-Thursday mornings and the program recently expanded with the addition of a Thursday evening class.

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.

Friendship Hour – Weekly drop-in session over lunch at Pres House on UW Madison's campus for international students to ask questions, practice English conversation, or just have lunch with friendly MIP volunteers.



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 Dinner – Held 6 dinners this year which drew a total of more than 800 participants.

Airport/Bus Pickup – Volunteers provided a warm welcome and safe transportation for more than 200 international students at the beginning of the school year.

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.
- ✓ At the beginning of September, about 35 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 October, we held a session on how to dress for winter in Wisconsin and distributed dozens of hand-knitted hats and scarves and quilted throw blankets thanks to a partnership with RSVP of Dane County.
- ✓ We will hold our annual Christmas/Holidays party in December.

Continuing the Connection Beyond Madison:

Last year, 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. This year, we will be delivering an additional 45 microscopes and other supplies—an effort that is truly saving lives.



Your Support Makes It Possible:

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@cpmadison.org.
- Giving Through your Will or Trust – Consider naming Madison International Partners to receive a gift from your will or trust. That type of gift made to smaller organization such as Madison International Partners can truly be transformational. Consider speaking with your financial advisor 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

Testimonial:

'I have truly enjoyed every moment of volunteering with Madison International Partners as an English Conversation (Badger) Volunteer. I have met people I would not have otherwise known and have a deeper understanding of other cultures and experiences. As I look to pursue a career in medicine, I know this experience has given me a deeper understanding of others' backgrounds that will allow me to better practice medicine and tailor it to the individual'

--Sherrie Wue, Badger Volunteer Leader & Pre-Med Student at UW-Madison