

The Power of Non-Profits Spotlight:

Making a Difference Economically Inc

Non-profits play a vital role in strengthening communities by addressing needs that public services often cannot meet. This article is part of a series highlighting local organizations making a lasting impact.

The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation (PAHWF) deeply appreciates these organizations for their commitment to enhancing the well-being of our community.



Making a Difference Economically (MADE) is an organization committed to empowering individuals in poverty through economic and social support. With a mission to break the cycle of poverty, MADE provides professional skills training, workforce development, financial education, and life skills development, equipping participants with tools to achieve self-sufficiency and dignity.

MADE addresses challenges like college affordability and unemployment by offering alternative career pathways, including training in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and masonry work. Participants gain hands-on experience with tools and safety protocols while engaging in productive activities that reduce risks associated with idle time. By raising awareness of opportunities in the trades and uncovering untapped potential, MADE empowers individuals to pursue diverse career paths and build brighter futures.

"I'm in my last year of high school and MADE gave me a better understanding of construction," said Malachi, a MADE student. "I'm ready to take my exam and school didn't even start yet!"



During the 2024 Spring Grant Cycle, PAHWF awarded MADE funds that helped support 10 students in earning workplace safety certifications — five achieved OSHA 10 certifications, and five earned OSHA 30 certifications. The OSHA 10 course equips entry-level workers with essential awareness of workplace hazards, while the OSHA 30 provides supervisors and safety-focused workers with in-depth, industry-specific safety training. Both certifications are a part of OSHA's Outreach Training Program aiming to enhance workplace safety knowledge and boost career prospects.

The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation is proud to support Making a Difference Economically. Together, we're creating opportunities for individuals to thrive—one person, one family, and one success story at a time.

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