



Downtown Women's Center Receives \$20,000 Grant from The SAM Initiative

Funds will support the Downtown Women's Center's social enterprise, MADE by DWC.



Los Angeles, CA – Downtown Women's Center (DWC) was recently awarded \$20,000 of grant funding by The SAM Initiative to support the social enterprise, MADE by DWC, and the job-training programs for women transitioning out of homelessness and changing lives. DWC's mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment and advocacy.

“We are proud to work with The Sam Initiative and appreciate their in-depth understanding of the impact of social enterprise on both the program and business sides. Their contribution will have an immediate impact on the women we are currently serving, and long-term impact as we explore ways to scale our business and the number of women served.” - Joe Altepeter, CSEO

The SAM Initiative gave out a total of \$350,000 during this spring giving cycle to seven grantees. Other nonprofits that received grants include Bridge Builders LA, EmpowerHer Institute, Mychal's Learning Place, NeuroTalent Works, Piece by Piece, and A Place Called Home. SAM also hosted an event for KidSave that raised awareness and \$150,000.

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[About Downtown Women's Center](#)

The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. DWC envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Our mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.DowntownWomensCenter.org.

[About The SAM Initiative](#)

The SAM Initiative serves as a catalyst to improve the lives of women, children, and families in Los Angeles through engaged philanthropy. As a giving circle, SAM members believe that through collaborative giving we can do far more together than we can do alone. As of 2022, SAM has given more \$2.5 million in grants to the community. The giving circle's collective spirit and network reaches far beyond its grants, in the new connections made, the inspired giving of time and money, and the truly immeasurable ripples that have been created to strengthen the greater LA community. For more information, visit www.saminitiative.org and on social media @thesaminitiative