SISTAS VAN

HOW TO ADOPT SISTAS VAN

A MOBILE HEALING UNIT
In response to the narratives and recommendations made by community survivors and their loved-ones at the Black Women’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Black Women’s Blueprint is committed to providing a unique and distinct entry point to liberatory services for every survivor who engages with Sistas Van staff and support system.

ABOUT BLACK WOMEN'S BLUEPRINT

Black Women’s Blueprint envisions a world where women and girls of African descent are fully empowered and where gender, race and other disparities are erased. We work to place Black women and girls’ lives as well as their particular struggles squarely within the context of the larger racial justice concerns of Black communities and are committed to building movements where gender matters in broader social justice organizing so that all members of our communities gain social, political and economic equity. We engage in progressive research, historical documentation, policy advocacy and organizing steeped in the struggles of Black women within their diverse communities and within dominant culture.
Sistas Van is a fully wheelchair accessible Mobile Healing Unit designed with the vision of survivors of sexual violence, trafficking, reproductive violence, and physical abuse - many of whom described avoiding contact with the medical system in extreme circumstances, due to multiple fears, including re-traumatization and stigma. Sistas Van is a trauma-informed, survivor-centered sexual assault prevention mechanism implemented by Black Women’s Blueprint. Our mobile healing unit is an all-gender affirming space that centers the experiences and needs of Black women and femmes to close the gap and fill the need for support services across the spectrum of sexual and reproductive health. Survivors provide vision from multiple populations and vantage points such as visible and invisible disabilities, pregnancy, sex work occupation, survivors and youth.

ADOPT THE VAN TODAY AND BEGIN HEALING ONE GIRL AT A TIME

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MAKING A WAY FOR SAFE AND HOLISTIC REPRODUCTIVE ACCESS

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WHAT WE OFFER

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COUNSELING/SERVICES: Doula Services, contraception/emergency contraception, and pregnancy testing for sexual violence survivors including victims of human trafficking and also for sex workers who choose it.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION EDUCATION: Bystander Intervention for youth and young women, community accountability teach-ins on the streets, self-defense clinics, and education to prevent sexual violence.

TRAUMA-INFORMED CRISIS INTERVENTION: Confidential hotline services by trained professionals, one-on-one support, and referrals to additional support.

HEALING AND COUNSELING SERVICES: Offering survivor-centered counseling for those who have experienced sexual violence, trafficking, reproductive violence, and physical abuse.

SOLIDARITY ECONOMY: Barter networks, foodbanks, clothing swaps, meal and self-care kits

YOUTH DROP-IN SERVICES: Offering free wi-fi, multilingual resources, one-on-one support for survivors at the margins, and culturally-specific communities to build community leaders

LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL EDUCATION: Outreach and community support on issues of violence against women, partnership with community based organizations (CBOs), mobile trainings through the Institute for Gender and Culture (IGC) on college campuses and other public spaces to build community leadership, political education and voting rights.

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Our radical care and healing philosophy:

- Sistas Van is a safe passageway that promotes sexual rights, sexual health, bodily autonomy, and reproductive dignity.

- Sistas Van is designed, and uniquely positioned within communities to meet women, girls, gender fluid and gender non-conforming people and survivors where they are at.

- Holistic care is confidential, safe, accessible, and trauma-informed.

- Sistas Van addresses the gaps in care and services which demand that community comes to an institution, rather than we go to community.

- We offer a positive integrated approach to the relentless sexual, reproductive and mental health concerns and issues women face across identities.

- We provide wrap-around services and connections to partner services We foreground each survivor’s right to access services and support in their community, and to deploy their capacity for leadership.

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BLACK GIRLS DESERVE SAFETY EDUCATION BODY SOVEREIGNTY RESOURCES

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We are requesting donations to purchase essential supplies and materials that will be used to service communities of survivors in need. With your donation we can purchase and develop the following for Sistas Van:

- 10,000 fortifying care kits (mirrors, male/female condoms, contraceptives, pregnancy tests, hygiene items, blood pressure readers, sanitary products,)
- 12,000 Abundant healthy meal kits
- 8,000 Food Vouchers
- 5,000 Metrocards Enhance the accessibility into Sistas Van by adding an additional railing
- Purchase of furnishings, curtains, monitors, assessment gear, cushioning, plastic protection, sterilized exam items and lighting
- A Security and Camera System
- Mini Fridge and Sterile Sink Installation
- Mobile Healing Clinic Hotline Service
- 5,000 Healing First Aid Kits (sage, palo santo, crystals, camphor, essential oils, etc.)
- 500 Audio/Visual Toolkits on Sexual and Reproductive Access and Education
- 500 Media Toolkits with Sexual and Reproductive Health Information, Prevention Education, and Crisis Intervention Resources
- 1000 Case management, referrals, and other care coordination information pamphlets
- A paid staffing model to provide consistent care
- Creation of the Sistas Van mobile app with service listings and location tracking.

WE DREAM A WORLD OF LIBERATION
SAFETY
BODILY AUTONOMY
FREEDOM
REACHING OUR FULLEST POTENTIAL

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JUSTICE FOR GENERATIONS

DISMANTLING PIPELINES
CREATING ACCESS TO RESOURCES
CONTINUED EDUCATION
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
AFFIRMING AND LIBERATORY
HOLISTIC PRACTICES

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EVERY BLACK WOMAN

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TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICES
POLITICAL EDUCATION
PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
CRISIS COUNSELING

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