



Welcome to the First *Sister's Circle Women's Support Network* newsletter!

Through this newsletter, we hope to keep all of our partners, supporters and the women we support up to date with the happenings at Sister's Circle Women's Support Network.

WHO WE ARE

Sister's Circle Women's Support Network is a transformative intervention program designed to educate and empower women to move to the next level of recovery. The barriers we target are homelessness, domestic violence survivors, substance abuse, trauma, sex-trafficking, re-entry from incarceration, education, and support for chronic illnesses. At Sister's Circle Women's Support Network, we aim to help women find their self-worth and develop the confidence and skills they need to better themselves and make a lasting impact on their communities. We equip the women we serve with the tools and resources needed to become their best personal and professional selves. They learn what it means to be a mother, a daughter, a sister, a friend, but most importantly, we show them how to support fellow women in need and understand their value as a woman in society. We offer workshops for our women focusing on personal development and career skills, mental and physical wellbeing, mentorship, addiction and recovery, and a variety of other support groups that encourage the betterment of the circle.



OUR BEGINNING

Sister's Circle Women Support Network was created out of hard work, passion, determination, love, and most importantly, in hope of changing the fate of women struggling with addiction and homelessness throughout the SF Bay Area. Sister's Circle Women's Support Network came about after I, Traci Watson founder of Sister's Circle Women's Support Network, went through my own personal battles which inspired me to give back and provide the same guidance and support that helped me to overcome my struggles. However, Sister's Circle Women's Support Network wouldn't be where it is today without the help of fellow cofounders Claudette Brooks, Jovon Lewis, and Denise Baker who worked alongside me in making my vision a reality. We definitely had our challenges when we first started back in 2015, but the impact we've made on the lives of almost over 300 women since then has made this journey more than worth it.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FUNDRAISING GALA



In October 2019, we hosted the first annual Women's Empowerment Gala at Salesforce to raise money for Sister's Circle Women's Support Network but to also teach the importance of self-empowerment and self-confidence in women. We had over 200 attendees and special guests including, Zaxa Ali, Nikki Thomas, Suga T, Bri Blue, and many more amazing women be a part of our event.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We value giving back to fellow sisters in our community and aim to live out our mission of women supporting women whenever possible. Pictured above is just one of the many homeless outreach events put on by the women in our support network.



Annual Fundraiser at San Francisco Fleet Week

WHAT WE ARE DOING TO FIGHT COVID-19

We are partnering with POSITIVE-DIRECTIONS EQUALS CHANGE & SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN to provide weekly online classes and groups. You can find more information about specific workshops by emailing twatson@sisterscicle.net.

CLASS	DAY	TIME	ZOOM ID	ZOOM PASSWORD
ANGER & MANAGEMENT	MONDAY	5PM	935 8453 9249	588979 (MEN & WOMEN)
DIRECCION POSITIVA	MONDAY	7PM	950 2044 7032	364067 (SPANISH)
SISTER'S CIRCLE	TUESDAY	1PM	837 4928 3109	380630 (WOMEN)
SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN	TUESDAY	6:30PM	211 052 282	711010 (WOMEN)
THINKING FOR A CHANGE	TUESDAY	6PM	938 5619 2687	680961 (MEN)
SEEKING SAFETY	WEDNESDAY	7:30PM	959 3471 5023	015276 (WOMEN)
SISTER'S CIRCLE	THURSDAY	3PM	840 0800 3399	854745 (WOMEN)
BIBLE STUDY	THURSDAY	5PM	934 3258 2685	869240 (MEN & WOMEN)
THE GATHERING	FRIDAY	7PM	987 4173 1173	001993 (MEN & WOMEN)



Since the start of the pandemic, we've provided over 500 COVID CAREFUL KITS to various marginalized communities in the San Francisco area who have been disproportionality impacted by COVID-19. We encourage the wearing of masks and that when available everyone gets vaccinated.

We'd love to give a special thank you to *BOMBAS* because *without their support none of our work would've been possible over the past few years.*

Thank you to our other partners My Sister's Keeper, San Francisco Association of Realtors, Simply the Basics, Success Center SF, Sticks and Stones, the San Francisco Adult Probation Department, UCSF, Citywide Property Management, Western Addition Success Center & St. Anthony's Foundation.

Lastly, thank you to our board members Tina Brown, Julia Arroyo, Cedric Akbar, and Mary Jung for their dedication to Sister's Circle Women's Support Network.

We appreciate your support. We look forward to what 2021 has in store for us and hope that you can be a part of the experiences to come.



This newsletter is dedicated to our beloved board member Robin Ohlssen (1964 - 2020) who worked endlessly to make our organization the best it could be.

Re-Designing Our Footsteps



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