

VILLAGE IS POSSIBLE

Our
Wounds
Are
Our
Wisdom

THE CHALLENGE

Youth who have experienced the foster care system are particularly susceptible to being recruited into the sex industry due to unmet needs around love, community, belonging, stable housing and a higher disposition to trauma bonding. **“Child welfare involvement, specifically out-of-home foster care placement, is one of the top contributors in increasing the chances of sex trafficking.”**

A report conducted in 2016 by NCMEC found that **86% of the likely sex trafficking victims were in the care of social services** when they went missing” (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children).

California is ranked as having the **highest number** of reported **cases of human trafficking** in the U.S.

LA County, reported **92% of girls in the juvenile justice** system identified as **victims of sex trafficking** are **Black**. Of those, **62% were from the child welfare**.

THE MISSION

Village Is Possible seeks to address and heal cultural roots through the restoration of families and community (village) destroyed through colonization and genocide of Black and Brown Bodies.

THE SOLUTION

VIP is a community driven organization working alongside those who have experienced sex trafficking and/or system involvement. “Community driven” represents the shared skills in a community to design and guide their own strategic conversations.

CAPACITY BUILDING & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships that facilitate the embedding and advancement of liberation in public and private organizations and systems.

RECONNECTING WITH THE LAND

Opportunities for system impacted youth to develop a relationship with plants through herbalism and regenerative farming

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH

Collaborative approach to research that involves all stakeholders throughout the research process, from establishing the research question, to developing data collection tools, to analysis and dissemination.

NOURISHING VILLAGE ROOTS

Culturally relevant services provided weekly to families impacted by the child welfare system and human trafficking.

WHAT DOES VIP NEED?

- Secure foundational funding and investment
- Increase organizational capacity
- Assemble coalition of survivor leaders and community based, healing centered providers

3 Year Growth Goals

\$5 M

Raise \$1.8 million in year 1, growing in each year

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Grow our team to ten in order to meet our growing program needs

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Serve all 9 counties in the Bay Area of California