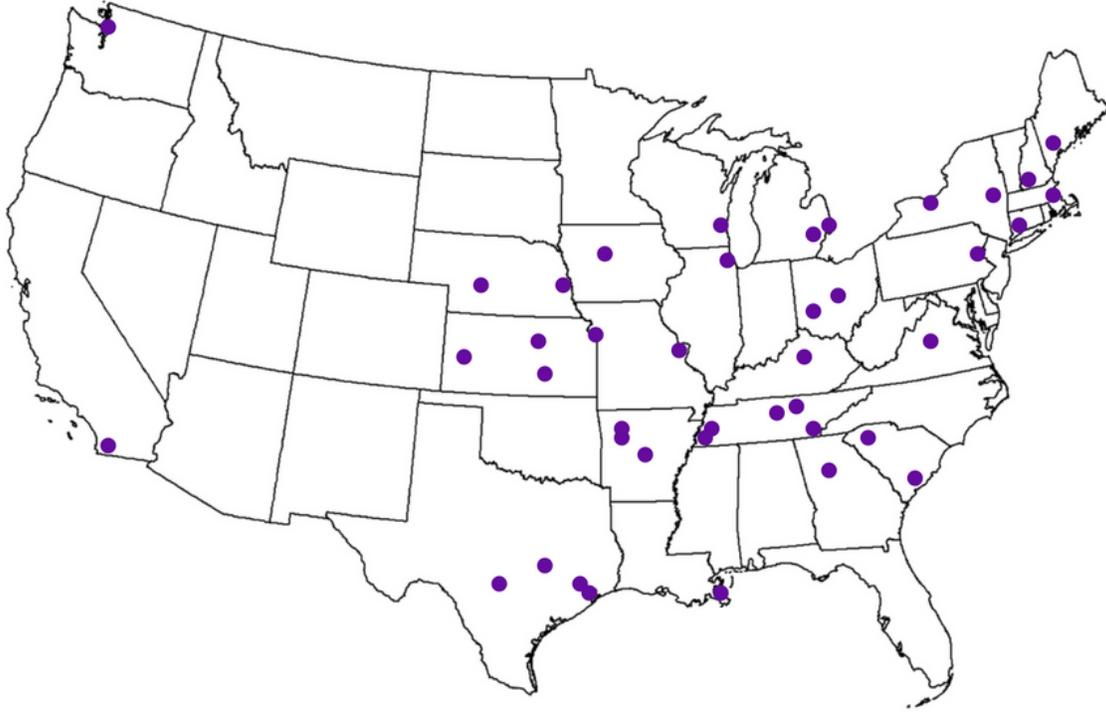


# THISTLE NATIONAL NETWORK

We believe that Love is the most powerful force for change in the world.



## MISSION

The Network drives systemic change by growing a survivor-led community that connects survivors of trafficking, prostitution, addiction and abuse to opportunities for healing and empowerment.

## CORE PRINCIPLES

Survivor-led communities offer survivor-centered care

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Survivor-centered care is built on three foundations:



HEALTH



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSING

## NETWORK CORE PRINCIPLES

For the past 20 years, survivors of trafficking, prostitution, addiction, and abuse have emerged from Thistle Farms equipped to lead. They are at the helm of a global movement for healing and empowerment that impacts women locally.

Based on the experience of these Survivor-Leaders, we believe that the following three principles are at the core of a Survivor-Leader's healing and empowerment:

1. Free, long-term housing without a live-in staff
2. Free, comprehensive mental and physical healthcare
3. Free job training and/or continued education that connects survivors to a sustainable income

150+ Survivor-Leaders have graduated from Thistle Farms' two-year residential program that is founded on these three principles. To date, 30+ organizations have created programs based on Thistle Farms' model of recovery.

## NETWORK ADVANTAGE

### CONNECTIVITY

Decreased fragmentation through access to opportunities for collaboration, support and community.

### KNOWLEDGE

Mutual learning facilitated by accelerated sharing of what works and what does not work.

### QUALITY

Innovation and development of best practices from a diversity of perspectives.

### RESOURCES

Greater impact for lower cost by improving access to and strategic mobilization of resources.

### UNITY

Big-picture perspective and expanded reach through a unified mission and voice.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Meet, or be in the process of meeting, the "planting" benchmarks in the Survivor-Leader Pathway.

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Sign a Statement of Intent, committing to implementing the Network's Core Principles of healing and empowerment.

## NETWORK EXPECTATIONS

- 1 Work towards implementing Core Principles and meeting benchmarks set forth in the Survivor-Leader Pathway.
- 2 Commit to program assessment and transparency, sharing program updates and outcomes when applicable.
- 3 Contribute information and experiences to the Network, acknowledging roles as mentor and mentee.
- 4 Participate in Network conversations and relationship building through Network conference calls, online forums, individual correspondence, workshops, and national conferences.

