

FREEDOM HOUSE PLANS GALA TO BENEFIT HUMAN-TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

*Pastor Francis Chan to Serve as Keynote Speaker at the Annual Fundraiser,
Being Held on Saturday, May 4, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City*

BURLINGAME, Calif., February 25, 2013 – Freedom House, the leading provider of safe housing and aftercare programs to human-trafficking survivors in Northern California, today announced plans for the 4th Annual Freedom House Gala, being held on Saturday evening, May 4, at 6:00 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Pastor Francis Chan will keynote the fundraiser, which is expected to attract more than 500 guests.

The Gala will feature remarks by Freedom House Founder and Executive Director Jaida Im, survivors who have participated in the aftercare program at The Monarch, the non-profit's residential shelter for women, and Francis Chan, a nationally known pastor and best-selling author. Entertainer Mickey Cho will share his passion to help survivors through a special musical performance.

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be the silent and live auctions. Gala attendees will have the opportunity to bid on exciting travel packages, luxury goods, fine art, sports memorabilia, tickets to San Francisco Bay Area events, dining experiences and more.

Individual tickets for the Gala dinner are offered at \$125 each, with tables of ten priced at \$1,000 and higher. Tickets are available for purchase at <http://freedomhouse2013.eventbrite.com>.

About Francis Chan:

Francis Chan is the best-selling author of *Crazy Love*, *Forgotten God* and *Erasing Hell* and such children's books as *Halfway Herbert*, *The Big Red Tractor and the Little Village*, and *Ronnie Wilson's Gift*. Chan is the founding pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, Calif. and is the founder of Eternity Bible College. He currently is working on a church-planting movement in the inner-city of San Francisco and recently launched a country-wide discipleship movement along with David Platt called *Multiply*.

About Freedom House:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to bring hope, restoration, and a new life to survivors of human trafficking by providing housing and long-term aftercare services. In August 2010, Freedom House launched The Monarch, the first and only safe home and aftercare program in Northern California for adult female survivors of human trafficking. The Nest, its innovative residential shelter for minors, is scheduled to open in late 2013. Through its pioneering aftercare model, Freedom House is breaking the cycle of human exploitation and creating new futures for survivors of all ages. For more information about Freedom House, please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org.