

## THE NEST GETS READY TO OPEN

Under the leadership of Jaida Im, Freedom House founder and executive director, and Cheryl Hock, partnerships director, a team of committed abolitionists came together during the past eight months to furnish "The Nest," the upcoming residential shelter and aftercare program for girls ages 12 to 17. Supporters from around the San Francisco Bay Area have contributed their time, talent and funds to establish one of the few homes in the United States dedicated to helping minors who are survivors of human trafficking.

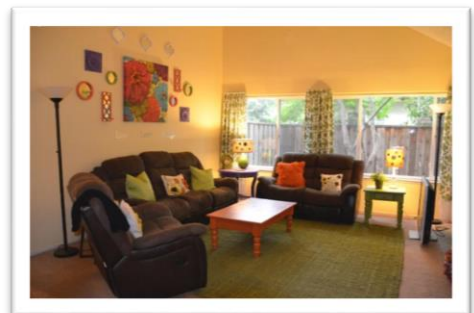


Menlo Park Presbyterian Church joined the renovation project during its Compassion Weekend, when it converted The Nest garage into the spacious learning center, which is shown above. MPPC provided carpeting, lighting, cabinetry, desks, computers and artwork, and also updated the laundry area to have a new washer and dryer. Kim Guesman and Dan Racine served as team leads.

Painting the interior of the house was a major undertaking, which required tremendous support from South Bay Church team leaders Brian and Angela Wo and their group of volunteers, in addition to Damien Harrison, Bill Vujevich, and Terry and Sylvia West, who provided additional painters.

## Turning a House into a Home

The living room at The Nest will be a center of activity for young survivors in the months and years ahead. Planned and executed by team lead Cindy Frasca, Calvary Chapel Gilroy fully furnished and decorated the room, providing sofas, chairs, coffee tables, rug, artwork and lighting.



Among the many individuals who deserve recognition for The Nest transformation are interior designer Jana Fung, who provided pro-bono design services to help guide the adopt-a-room project. The kitchen was modernized with a kitchen island built by Art Marshall and

Julie Riggs, with Community Christian Church Campbell donating a new dishwasher. Keith Spain installed double-pane windows. Kevin Turner provided construction services, including materials, and created a new storage area. Steve Sayle and Christian Cablay helped with multiple construction projects, as did Art Marshall and Julie Riggs. Electricians Mark Anderson and Heiner Schwede added additional lighting and circuits to the home at no cost.

Bernice Cheng arranged for The Nest to receive all of the furnishings in a corporate apartment that was being vacated, which Art Marshall and his son-in-law James transported to the shelter. The Hock Company donated office furnishings. Catherine Waters generously donated her Schafer & Sons piano to the learning center to introduce music into the home.

## Safe Havens for Dreaming

### "Faith" Bedroom:

Many survivors will be rescued from the streets and brought safely home to The Nest, where they will experience a peaceful, tranquil environment filled with love and compassion. The three survivor bedrooms have been named Faith, Hope and Love to emphasize our staff's commitment to their physical and spiritual well-being. Pastor Kevin Williams and his wife Valorie were team leads for the REAL Family Church, which adopted the Faith bedroom. The church refurbished beds and dresser, provided new shelving, decor, bedding and enhanced lighting.



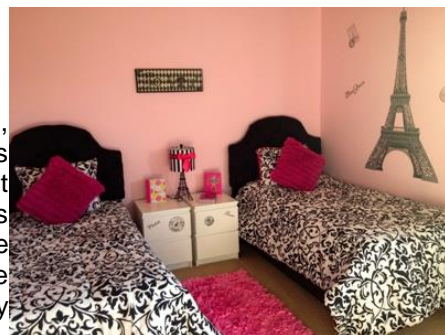
### "Hope" Bedroom:

Community Christian Church Campbell and team lead Dawn Sawkins completely furnished the Hope bedroom and bath. They provided new beds, mattresses, a dresser, night stands, lamps, bedding, bath towels, artwork, fresh paint, window treatments and new bath fixtures.



### "Love" Bedroom:

Kathy Miller, team lead at Community Christian Church, Morgan Hill, created the plan for the Love bedroom. It was furnished with new beds, mattresses, a dresser, closet organizers, colorful artwork and other decor, as well as improved lighting and fresh window treatments. The whimsical image of the Eiffel Tower may inspire these roommates to travel to Paris and explore the world when they leave The Nest.



## Outdoor Beautification

WestGate Church provided the materials and built a new, sturdy fence to create a private courtyard in the front yard, and also built and donated picnic tables for the survivors to enjoy outdoor dining. Art Marshall, Damon McKinnon, and Kirk Fayard were team leads. Landscape designer Miranda Hudson spearheaded the tree planting and garden enhancement project for added beauty and privacy. Her Young Professionals Group (aka "YoPros") at Bridges Community Church funded the plant material. Los Altos United Methodist Church team lead Judith Hamilton arranged to have an outdoor storage unit created for the shelter's emergency supplies.



## Our Gratitude List Continues to Grow

Tina Beauchamp, Freedom House operations director, managed the construction and security projects, which were made possible in part by a contribution from the Housing Industry Foundation (HIF), a nonprofit organization that provides renovations at no charge to housing facilities operated by other charities. Support for HIF comes from leaders in the multi-family housing industry. Chris Larsen and Dave Wright of Prometheus Real Estate Group and Dave Edwards of Commercial Fire Protection were key contributors, as well as Lexi Paza, HIF Program and Outreach Manager. Please visit [www.hifinfo.org](http://www.hifinfo.org) for more information. Freedom House also thanks Valley Community Church for its substantial donation to this project.

We are grateful for the major contributions to The Nest from Baylight Church Community, Calvary Church Los Gatos and Los Altos United Methodist Church, in addition to the hundreds of monthly pledges and individual donations we receive. To learn how you can help, please visit [www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate)

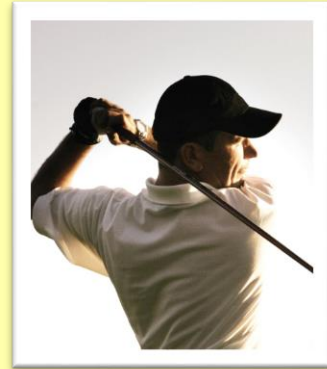
Other key supporters include Johanna Thai Van Dat, Venture Christian Church Justice Team Leader, who hosted a fundraiser that resulted in donations of over 200 household items and \$2,000 in gift card and cash donations. Mark Turner, team lead at South Valley Community Church, organized the high school youth group to raise \$1,000 in funds to help purchase a dinner table for The Nest. Julie Riggs hosted a Nest fundraiser and raised \$2,000 in gift cards and cash donations, in addition to painting, furniture moving, assembling IKEA furniture and taking debris to the dump. Betty Job, "volunteer extraordinaire," worked alongside Cheryl Hock from the start of the project. And Missy Laux created the Prayer Vine and continues to manage the "Master List," which is displayed later in the newsletter. If interested in providing household and personal items to The Nest, please send an email to [TheNestDonations@gmail.com](mailto:TheNestDonations@gmail.com)

South Bay Agape Church and Dwells Church served as venues for the September advocacy and shelter volunteer training programs, strengthening the Freedom House volunteer base in Santa Clara County.



## **NEST FUNDRAISER: "Swing for Freedom"** **Friday, October 25, Los Lagos Golf Course in San Jose**

Sign up today to participate in our first major fundraiser for The Nest and raise vital funds while you enjoy a full day of golf with friends and fellow abolitionists. Golfers will enjoy a kick-off breakfast buffet, lunch, and plenty of snacks and refreshments along the course. Following play, a special awards dinner will honor the players' commitment to ending modern-day slavery. Incentive prizes will be given to those who have raised \$3,000 or more in pledge support. PGA pro instructor Jim Coles will be on hand to give each player a



personalized video of their performance, with accompanying tips on how to improve their golf game. For detailed information about how you can play in "Swing for Freedom" or support the dedicated golfers who are committed to the cause, please send an email to [Frances@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Frances@FreedomHouseSF.org).

### **We Need Your Help to Obtain These Remaining Items**

#### **Counseling Room (All items available at IKEA):**

ERIK- locking filing cabinet \$99 Article #401.129.15

Clock \$10 Art. #900.98.974

EXPEDIT workstation \$119 black/brown Art. #598.613.42

ANTIFONI desk lamp \$29.99 Art #102.555.24

#### **Office (Contact [TheNestDonations@gmail.com](mailto:TheNestDonations@gmail.com) for details):**

1 Six-drawer metal filing cabinet with six lockable drawers

Stackable shelves/book shelves to store items across 12' office closet

1 Desk chair

1 Wooden desk organizer

2 Short desk drawers that lock

#### **Miscellaneous:**

1 Runner Rug for kitchen/walkway in living room

Spices/Spice Set

Mini-fridge

2 Portable air-conditioning units (not window units)

1 Black Mohawk 20 x32 floor mat for kitchen @TARGET

8 Waterproof Mattress Pads

4 Packs of hangers

Small/medium-sized reusable cloth bins to make resident "Welcome Baskets"

4 White-Noise Machines for privacy

#### **Clothing:**

7 pairs of slippers in various sizes

Packages of NEW Socks in various sizes

Packages of NEW underwear in various sizes

Sweatpants/Sweatshirts/Pajamas in a variety of sizes  
Camisoles/basic tanks in a variety of sizes  
Leggings (footless) in XS, S, M, L, XL  
Exercise/Physical Education clothes in all sizes  
Jeans and clothing items in JUNIOR SIZES  
Shoes in a variety of sizes

**Personal Hygiene Items:**

Neosporin/Antibacterial Ointment/Hydrogen Peroxide/First-Aid Items  
Body Spray and Body Wash  
Mouthwash  
Facial wash and lotions  
Conditioner  
Foundation/Make up (especially for darker skin tones)  
Shower Loofahs  
Shaving Cream  
Disposable Razors  
Cotton balls and Q-Tips  
Nail polish and Nail polish remover  
Hair products for a variety of ethnicities  
Sunscreen  
Feminine Hygiene Products

**If you would like to donate or have any questions about the above items, please send an email to [TheNestDonations@gmail.com](mailto:TheNestDonations@gmail.com).**

**ABOUT FREEDOM HOUSE:**

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is a 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 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 later this year. 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, please visit [www.FreedomHouseSF.org](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org)