

\$100,000 MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE IS UNDERWAY!

Participate in our Annual Holiday Matching Grant Challenge and have every dollar you donate instantly doubled by a loyal supporter who has pledged up to \$100,000 in matching funds. Your contributions already have brought in \$48,000, and we are counting on your generous Christmas and year-end donations to help us capture the remaining \$52,000 for the human-trafficking survivors we serve!



Because of your donations during the past year, several Monarch residents have graduated with good-paying jobs and are living independent, self-sufficient lives. In Santa Clara County, The Nest case management team has been counseling non-resident teenage survivors, as final staff positions are being filled for the new residential shelter.

Freedom House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, allowing your donations to be tax deductible. Please mail a check to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011 or contribute through the secure online payment system at www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate The \$100,000 Matching Grant Challenge ends on January 12, 2014.

THE MEANING OF "HOME"

Many of our long-time supporters and new advocates requested that we link to the holiday YouTube video that filmmaker Ray Lin produced to benefit Freedom House last year. Inspired by testimonies of former Monarch residents, the piece reminds us how important "home" is to human-trafficking survivors during this time of year. Thank you again to Ray, his crew, and our Freedom House volunteers for creating such a poignant video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu2XbnWVtmQ&noredirect=1>



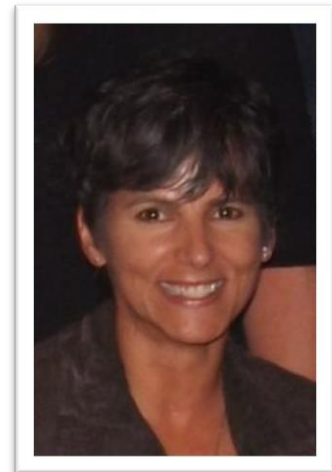
ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER & TRANSLATOR:
John Chang

For the last two years, John Chang has volunteered as a language advocate for Freedom House, translating written documents into Spanish and providing verbal interpretation in both Spanish and Mandarin. He currently works at the U.S. Department of Labor. At a screening of *Call and Response*, a film about human trafficking, John met his future wife Jess, and together they decided to take action to eradicate slavery. In 2011, they both attended the Freedom House advocacy training. As John comments, "Together with Freedom House, the fight has just begun."



ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER:
Marie Rankin

As a forensic artist, Marie is interested in missing persons cases, which led her to learn about the reality of human-trafficking in the U.S., California and in her own Bay Area community. She feels an urgent need to speak out and educate the public about trafficking and especially about the dangers that await our children. Marie's friend Mary Doering introduced her to Freedom House, and they attended the September 2013 advocacy training class. Since then, Marie has represented Freedom House at several events, answering questions and promoting survivor-resident jewelry. Marie says she is looking forward to continuing her volunteer work in 2014.



FEBRUARY 2014 VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Monarch Shelter and Freedom House Advocacy Volunteer Applications
Are Now Being Accepted**

Freedom House now is accepting applications for its upcoming volunteer training sessions in February for those who would like to become a Shelter Volunteer at The Monarch or serve the organization as an Advocate. Training sessions will be held in San Mateo County, commencing on February 8, 2014.

Shelter Volunteers at The Monarch for women will work directly with the adult survivors at the shelter in San Mateo County, helping the residents achieve their goals.

Candidates must attend all seven training sessions:

February 8 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.), Feb. 11 (5:45 - 9:00 p.m.), Feb. 13 (5:45 - 9:00 p.m.), Feb. 15 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.), Feb. 18 (5:45 - 9:00 p.m.), Feb. 22 (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and March 1 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.).

Please submit your volunteer application packet no later than January 17 to be considered for one of the Shelter Volunteer positions at The Monarch.

Upon review by the Selection Committee, finalists will be invited for in-person interviews and to present a LiveScan background check. To request an application form, please send an email to

Operations Director Tina Beauchamp at Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.

Advocate Volunteers represent both The Nest and The Monarch as they build public awareness about human-trafficking issues and Freedom House throughout Northern California. We welcome your involvement to help us reach out to civic organizations, faith-based groups, college campuses and to local businesses. In addition, advocates often help plan and attend our fundraising activities, including the Annual Gala on May 17th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City.

Candidates who want become a Freedom House Advocate will receive eight hours of specialized training on Saturday, February 8th, 8:45 am. to 5:15 p.m.. **Advocate application materials are due no later than January 27th.** To begin your rewarding journey as a Freedom House advocate, please contact Tina Beauchamp at Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org to learn more about the application process.

ABOUT FREEDOM HOUSE:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID #27-0248325), 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 of its kind in Northern California for adult female survivors of human trafficking. The Nest, located in Santa Clara County, will be one of the few residential shelters in the country dedicated to helping girls ages 12 to 17. 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