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GREETINGS FROM FOUNDER JAIDA IM

Dear Friends,

As we enter 2014, it already promises to be a very exciting year for Freedom House. Since last fall, the case management team at The Nest, our new residential shelter for adolescent girls in Santa Clara County, has been conducting outreach to local agencies, reviewing potential intakes and counseling non-resident survivors.

I'm pleased to report that the Nest welcomed its first resident into the home this week. She is a 15-year-old survivor of sexual exploitation here in the Bay Area. Additional survivors are expected to reside at The Nest in the very near future. The Monarch for women, in San Mateo County, continues to flourish at full capacity, as an 18-year old survivor is set to enter the program on Monday. Two Monarch residents are students in a full-time cosmetology program, pursuing their dream careers, while others are enrolled in community college or have jobs.

Our Holiday Matching Grant Challenge was a tremendous success, as we were able to match and surpass the \$100,000 target! Due to your contributions and the generous \$100,000 seed money from an anonymous donor, this year's campaign generated \$260,000 for our two shelter programs. We also are very grateful to have received recent support from The Mortar Foundation, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, Bella Vista League's Wonderful Witchy Women with A Cause, and The Lantern League.

Our work is just beginning. I ask you to join our efforts to eradicate modern-day slavery by becoming a monthly donor, a volunteer or a participant at an upcoming Freedom House event.

On behalf of the residents and the entire Freedom House organization, thank you for your love and support.

**Blessings,
Jaida**



HUMAN-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Joining Representative Mike Honda, D-San Jose, at the recent Airline Ambassadors International training program, which was held at Mineta San Jose International Airport, were Kim Chelf, Program Director at The Nest, Betty Job, Nest shelter volunteer, and Cheryl Hock, Freedom House partnerships director. AAI, a Washington D.C.-based organization, seeks to educate airline and travel employees around the country on how to identify children who may be victims of commercial sexual exploitation.



FREEDOM HOUSE 5TH ANNUAL GALA **Saturday, May 17th, Crowne Plaza Hotel**

"Hope and a Future" is the theme for the upcoming Freedom House 5th Annual Gala, which promises to be a memorable evening at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Musical entertainment, guest speakers, survivor testimonies, lively auctions and a gourmet dinner will highlight the event.

Online tickets go on sale on Monday, February 10, through a link from the Events page of the Freedom House website. Special early-bird prices are available to the first 30 individual ticket buyers (\$125 per person) and the first 15 table sales (\$1,250 per table). Afterwards, individual tickets are offered at \$150 per person and table sponsorship begins at \$1,500 per table.

Gala Volunteer Opportunities

The 2014 Gala auction committee currently is asking supporters for donations. If you would like to donate a unique item or approach businesses about possible contributions, please send an email to Leah Cameron at FreedomHouseAuction@gmail.com.

To serve on a Gala committee and attend the kick-off meeting in mid-February, please contact volunteer coordinator: Brianna@FreedomHouseSF.org. Volunteers are needed to serve on the registration, decorations, sponsorship underwriting, entertainment, and auction committees.



ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, ADVOCATES AND SHELTER VOLUNTEERS: **Leo and Ruby Jacques**

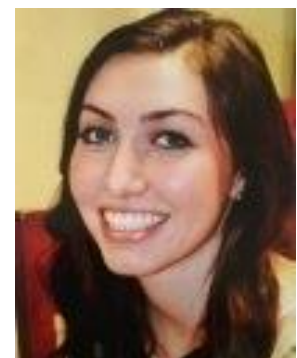
Leo and Ruby are modern-day abolitionists who have been involved in justice issues for many years. Freedom Summit 2009 marks the beginning of their special relationship with Freedom House, when Leo met Karl and Jaida Im. Ruby and Leo have provided ongoing support as Advisory Board members, community advocates and shelter volunteers. Tuesday night family dinners at The Monarch are special evenings when they interact with the residents.



Married 48 years, Ruby and Leo have two daughters, two grandchildren and an extended family to whom they are very close. Leo's hobbies include building his hot rod and unique bicycles, as well as cigar box guitars and Native American art. Ruby volunteers and enjoys her time with the Assistance League and Able Works, where she engages with single moms in East Palo Alto, working to make a change in their lives. This special couple also is involved with the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition and associated with other organizations that are in the fight against human trafficking. We salute Ruby and Leo for their dedicated service to human-trafficking survivors.

ADVOCATE AND SHELTER VOLUNTEER: **Liz Archer**

Liz, a student of political science and public policy at UC Berkeley, will be graduating this May. She joined the Amnesty International student group as a freshman, and learned about Freedom House at a human-trafficking advocacy event. Although interested in helping survivors, Liz was unable to make a commitment until she returned from studying abroad in Paris for a year. In September 2013, Liz completed her extensive Freedom House shelter and advocacy training, generously volunteering her time ever since. She has joined Monarch residents on several outings, including a shopping excursion to select the most popular board games for Monday's "game night" at the house. Liz looks forward to playing those games and having even more fun getting to know the residents at both The Monarch and The Nest.



About Freedom House:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is an independent 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. The Nest, located in Santa Clara County, is 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. Please visit: www.FreedomHouseSF.org