YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND!
Saturday, May 17th, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Plans are underway for the Freedom House 5th Annual Gala, which will raise vital funds for our two residential shelters: The Monarch for women in San Mateo County and The Nest for girls, ages 12 to 17, in Santa Clara County.

Gala tickets now are available online though the EventBrite link at www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Events. Only a handful of early-bird, discounted tickets remain. Afterwards, individual tickets are offered at $150 per person and tables of ten begin at $1,500 per table.

This year's Gala may be another sold-out event. For premium seating close to the stage and recognition in the program, sponsor tables are available: Silver ($3,000), Gold ($5,000) and Platinum ($10,000).

In addition to purchasing individual tickets and tables online, you may send a check made payable to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011.

Gala Auction Items Are Requested
Do you have a favorite restaurant, retail store, business or service you would like to help promote? If so, please consider asking these establishments to donate a gift certificate or item for the silent and live auctions. For information, please contact FreedomHouseAuction@gmail.com.

A FAMILY MINIVAN FOR THE NEST
WestGate Church in San Jose generously provided funds for the purchase of a 2011 Toyota Sienna, which will be used at The Nest. Young survivors will be transported to legal, medical and counseling appointments in style and safety. The staff is eagerly looking forward to logging thousands of miles in the minivan, taking residents on educational field trips and fun recreational outings. Thank you to the WestGate leadership and congregation for their ongoing support of the Freedom House mission.
**UPCOMING COMMUNITY ADVOCACY**

Spring 2014 is a busy season for our advocates. Among the many events in which we are participating are the following:

March 6: Cisco Women of Impact, San Jose State University  
March 8: Women's Leadership Conference, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga  
March 8: Freedom in Action Conference, Berkeley, CA  
March 14: Candlelight Yoga for The Nest, Yoga of Los Altos  
March 23: Freedom Seder to End Human Trafficking, Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos Hills  
April 6: MPPC "Community Expo," Menlo Park, Mountain View and San Mateo campuses  
April 10: Victims’ Rights Week, Redwood City main library  
May 2-4: Mount Hermon's FIGHT Human Trafficking Conference, Santa Cruz Mountains  
May 3: Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Chi State Convention, Santa Clara  
May 4: Valley Community Church, Pleasanton

**ADVOCATE AND SHELTER VOLUNTEER**

**Carol Tyson**

Carol has worked as an English teacher for over 30 years. She first learned about Freedom House when attending Freedom Summit in 2013. After listening to Jaida Im and Cheryl Hock speak about their shared vision to open a new home for survivors as young as 12 and 13, Carol's heart skipped a beat. These were the same ages of the young women she has been teaching much of her life! Carol offered her expertise to discuss planning for the educational needs of residents at The Nest, chairing a series of meetings with fellow educators to determine the best course of action. She is very excited that a teacher has begun working at The Nest. Carol also has served as an advocate, speaking before potential funding organizations about the need to support the educational program at The Nest. She looks forward to her volunteer time at Freedom House, encouraging young woman to dream about brighter futures, while experiencing the joy of learning.

**ADVOCATE AND SHELTER VOLUNTEER**

**Betty Job**

Betty has been described as being Cheryl Hock's right-hand lady during the massive renovation process at The Nest. She helped organize the "adopt-a-room" program, oversaw numerous construction projects, and was chief errand-runner and cheerleader. Betty is a person who sees what needs to be done and gets it done! As a member of the prayer team assembled by Cheryl and her husband Greg when the couple was contemplating a shelter for girls and joining forces with Freedom House, Betty has been a faithful supporter throughout the journey. She and her husband have two daughters and great "son-in-loves" that have blessed them with seven grandchildren, making her a very joyful "Grammy." Betty's passion and desire are to follow God’s lead in paving a way for her to contribute, as she conducts a monthly prayer meeting in her home for Freedom House. She currently serves at The Nest as a shelter volunteer, working with young survivors and helping administratively. To all who know Betty, she is the loving "Grammy" of 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

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