

## **GREETINGS FROM FOUNDER JAIDA IM**

**Dear Friends,**

Happy New Year! As we look forward to the coming year, I want to thank you for supporting Freedom House in our mission to bring hope, restoration and a new life to survivors of human trafficking.

Because of your efforts, Freedom House successfully opened **The Nest** for girls in 2014, providing safe housing, therapeutic counseling, art therapy and educational resources to 11 girls at the six-bed residential shelter in Santa Clara County. Meanwhile, **The Monarch** shelter for women in San Mateo County continues to thrive! Survivors are becoming independent, self-sufficient women, with all residents now enrolled in school and pursuing their goals.

I'm pleased to announce that our Holiday Matching Grant Challenge garnered more than \$135,000 this year. We would like to especially thank Calvary Church Los Gatos, Sparrow's Nest Studios and Blue Shield of California for their generous contributions.

On behalf of the residents at The Monarch and The Nest, I also would like to thank the following organizations which blessed them during the holiday season with gift cards, "wish list" presents, decorations and delicious meals: Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, Bridges Community Church, Burlingame United Methodist Church, Central Peninsula Church, Coastside Baptist Church, Family Community Church, Los Altos United Methodist Church, San Jose State University Alpha Phi Sigma and Sisters of the Presentation.

I look forward to thanking you in person for your compassion during the Freedom House 6th Annual Gala on Saturday, April 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Until then, I pray that you and your families have a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

**Blessings,  
Jaida**



## **FREEDOM HOUSE 6TH ANNUAL GALA** **Saturday, April 25, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City**

"Love Does" is the theme of this year's Gala as **Bob Goff**, the popular New York Times best-selling author of "Love Does," is our featured speaker. The annual Gala promises to be a memorable evening: a gourmet dinner with complimentary wine, silent and live charity auctions, and the recognition of community leaders in the abolitionist movement.

Gala tickets, tables of 10 and sponsorship packages are now on sale. Limited early-bird pricing is available on the first 30 individual tickets and 10 tables, which are sold (\$125 per individual ticket and \$1,250 for a table of 10.)

Regular pricing is **\$150 per person** or **\$1,500 for a table of 10**. To make an online purchase: <https://freedomhousegala2015.eventbrite.com>

For your convenience, you also may buy your tickets, tables or sponsorship packages by mail by sending your check made payable to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. If you have any questions pertaining to the event, please contact [Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org).

### **Gala Volunteer Opportunities Are Available:**

Join the fun and help plan our annual fundraiser. If you would like to become involved with the auction, decorations, promotion, sponsorship or registration process, sign-up today by sending an email to [Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org).



## **CHI AM CIRCLE FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, March 21, The Fairmont San Jose Hotel**  
**A Portion of the Proceeds to Benefit The Nest**

To celebrate its 50 years of serving the community, Chi Am Circle is hosting "A Golden Legacy," its signature fashion show luncheon, being held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose on Saturday, March 21. Chi Am Circle has set a goal to raise more than \$200,000 to benefit human-trafficking and domestic violence survivors and to provide scholarships to deserving high school students. Thuy Vu, host of KQED Newsroom on PBS, and Mike Inouye, NBC Bay Area's morning traffic anchor, will emcee. For tickets, sponsorship information or donations, please contact Ellen Lau at [408.307.0590](tel:408.307.0590) or [ellenyulau@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenyulau@yahoo.com). Chi Am Circle is a nonprofit Asian-American women's organization, built on a foundation of friendship, with a mission of service in projects that are diverse and affect a broad range of community members. For more information, [www.chiamcircle.org](http://www.chiamcircle.org)



## SEMI-ANNUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Sessions Begin on Saturday, March 21



Freedom House now is accepting applications for its upcoming volunteer training sessions for those who would like to become a Shelter Volunteer or serve the organization as an Advocate. Training will be held in San Mateo County commencing on March 21. Our advocates represent both The Nest and The Monarch as they build awareness in the Bay Area about Freedom House and educate the public about human-trafficking issues. Advocates attend a one-day training. To be considered for one of the limited Shelter Volunteer positions, candidates must submit a completed application prior to the February 20th deadline. Upon review by the Selection Committee, finalists will be invited to an in-person interview and undergo a LiveScan background check. To request an application packet, contact [Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org)

### Freedom House in the Community:

January 22: Human-Trafficking Summit, Contra Costa County  
January 24: University of San Francisco, Justice Workshop  
February 3: SFO Unites Against Human Trafficking  
February 13: World Christian Conference  
February 18: UCSF Interdisciplinary Panel  
February 24: AAUW Human-Trafficking Panel, Castro Valley

To request a Freedom House advocate to speak before your organization, school or business, please contact [Young@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Young@FreedomHouseSF.org)

### 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, is one of the few residential shelters in the country dedicated to helping adolescent girls who have been trafficked. Through its pioneering aftercare model, FreedomHouse is breaking the cycle of exploitation and creating new futures for human-trafficking survivors. For more inform