FREEDOM HOUSE TO HONOR FBI SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION WITH 2015 GUARDIAN AWARD

Freedom House announces that it will present its annual Guardian Award to the FBI San Francisco Division for its leadership in fighting human trafficking and crimes against children during the upcoming Freedom House Gala, being held on Saturday, April 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Supervisory Special Agent Douglas Hunt and Bertram Fairries, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, will accept the award. The San Francisco Division is the FBI’s sixth largest Field Office and covers 19 counties in Northern California. Past recipients of the Guardian Award are the San Francisco Police Department's Special Victims Unit and the South San Francisco Police Department. For ticket information: https://freedomhousegala2015.eventbrite.com

CHI AM CIRCLE SUPPORTS THE NEST

Chi Am Circle, a non-profit Asian-American women's service organization, celebrated its 50th anniversary by hosting its "Golden Legacy" fashion show luncheon, raising funds for three causes: domestic violence, human trafficking and scholarship grants for deserving high school graduates. The Nest will receive a portion of the proceeds from the event. Pictured (left to right) are Chi Am Circle co-president Sylvia Eng, Freedom House founder and executive director Jaida Im, Muriel Kao, a founding member of Chi Am Circle, and Michele Lew, president and CEO of Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

'LOVE DOES' THEME SET FOR ANNUAL GALA
Saturday, April 25, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

Share your commitment to stop modern-day slavery by inviting your friends, co-workers and family members to join you at the Freedom House 6th Annual Gala. "Love Does" is this year’s Gala theme, as Jaida Im highlights the meaningful work being done at the non-profit's residential shelters: The Nest for girls, located in Santa Clara County, and The Monarch for women, based in San Mateo County. A survivor-graduate of The Monarch will speak about her personal journey on the road to becoming independent and self-sufficient. Featured speaker Bob Goff is the New York Times best-selling author of Love Does, as well as an attorney who founded Restore International, a non-profit human rights organization which fights the injustices committed against children. Through hilarious anecdotes and perceptive insights about faith, love and life, Bob's entertaining talk will inspire Gala guests to new heights of personal realization and fulfillment.

The Gala's silent and live auctions offer a wide array of excursions and events, fashion, food and wine, home decor, photography, art, personal care and sports items. The auction committee promises
"something for everyone!"

Gala dinner tickets are $150 per individual and $1,500 for a table of 10. To purchase your ticket or table, please visit: https://freedomhousegala2015.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the festive evening, please send an email to Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org

SCU STUDENTS STAND FOR FREEDOM
Marathon Raises Awareness and Funds to Benefit Freedom House and The Nest

The Freedom Project, a Santa Clara University club for students who believe in equality, is educating the campus community about human-trafficking issues. To build awareness and raise funds for Freedom House and The Nest, the club recently organized "Stand for Freedom," a marathon event in which students stood for 27 hours between the SCU library and cafeteria. Representing the 27 million victims of human trafficking around the world, their club members engaged fellow students and faculty in discussion, distributed literature and solicited donations through their baked goods. During the school year, The Freedom Project holds bi-weekly meetings, hosts movie screenings and participates in campus-wide activities. Freedom House is proud to salute The Freedom Project for making a difference in the lives of the women and girls who reside at its shelters.

SHELTER VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Carrie Lau

Carrie, who works as a regulatory operations coordinator for the pharmaceutical company RPI, was inspired to join Freedom House after her experiences on a mission trip to Cambodia in 2010. "The reality of sex trafficking overseas was so overwhelming. Young girls work in the red-light district and children are sold in their own villages." She witnessed non-governmental organizations (NGOs) fighting to bring trafficking perpetrators to justice and providing aftercare for survivors. After her return to the U.S., she attended a Freedom Summit in Fremont, met Jaida and heard her testimony. "I was encouraged by her faithfulness," Carrie said. "Shelter for survivors is scarce, but Freedom House is able to provide a sacred place called home for women and girls." Carrie has been a Freedom House volunteer for two years.

FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY
March 25: Women's History Month event, Stockton
March 26: Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose
April 2: Westmont College Urban Initiative, San Francisco
April 11: Stanford Association for International Development Career Fair, Palo Alto
April 12: North Peninsula Jewish Teen Foundation, Foster City
April 23: National Crime Victims' Rights Fair, San Mateo
May 9: Freedom Summit, Santa Clara

To invite a Freedom House advocate to speak at your business or organization, please contact 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 sexually exploited for commercial purposes. Through its pioneering aftercare model, Freedom House is breaking the cycle of exploitation and creating new futures for human-trafficking survivors. Please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org for further information.