



## JOIN FREEDOM HOUSE AT THE POPULAR BREAK FREE RUN IN OAKLAND

**Saturday, November 7th**

Bay Area runners and abolitionists have been looking forward to participating in the annual Break Free Run to End Human Trafficking, which is being held on Saturday, November 7th, at Lake Merritt. Check-in starts at 7:15 a.m., with festivities beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland. Freedom House is grateful to be among the 2015 beneficiaries of event proceeds. To register for the 5K or 10K Run/Walk, visit:

<http://www.breakfree.org/bay-area-2/oakland-race-info>

Katelyn Do, our volunteer coordinator, is arranging for Freedom House supporters to run together. After completing your online registration, contact Katelyn to let her know that you would like to join the group and receive a Freedom House t-shirt. Her email is [Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org). Be sure to stop by the Freedom House information table to view the large sampling of survivor-made jewelry and artistic offerings which are premium thank-you items when making a donation to Freedom House. If running, please remember to tuck some cash or your credit card in a pocket so you can take home some of these one-of-a-kind pieces.



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**OAKLAND**  
Lake Merritt  
5K & 10K Run/Walk



For more information visit [BreakFreeRun.org](http://BreakFreeRun.org).

## FREEDOM HOUSE SHELTERS THRIVE

**The Nest**, located in Santa Clara County, is our residential shelter for survivors of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). The Nest staff works closely with county social workers and probation officers to bring adolescent girls into the six-bed group home. While at The Nest, girls receive therapeutic counseling, personalized tutoring, life-skills training and volunteer support in a nurturing environment.

**The Monarch**, located in San Mateo County, is our eight-bed residential shelter for survivors of domestic servitude, unpaid labor and sexual exploitation. It currently aids both international women who are trafficked into the United States and U.S.-born survivors. Diverse cultures, languages and backgrounds create a unique healing environment in which women share individual experiences and a united goal to become independent and self-sufficient. English-as-a-Second-Language classes, community college coursework, computer programming training and Tuesday night Bible study are among the activities that keep the "butterflies" at The Monarch focused on building a better life for themselves. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



## SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 30, 2016

Mark your calendars to attend the **Freedom House 7th Annual Gala and Charity Auction** on Saturday evening, April 30, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Tables of 10 and individual tickets will go on sale in January. If you would like to be a member of the planning committee, volunteers are needed to generate Gala sponsor support, solicit auction items and promote ticket sales. It's a great way to meet other abolitionists as you help organize our annual fundraiser. If interested, please contact Katelyn Do at [Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org).

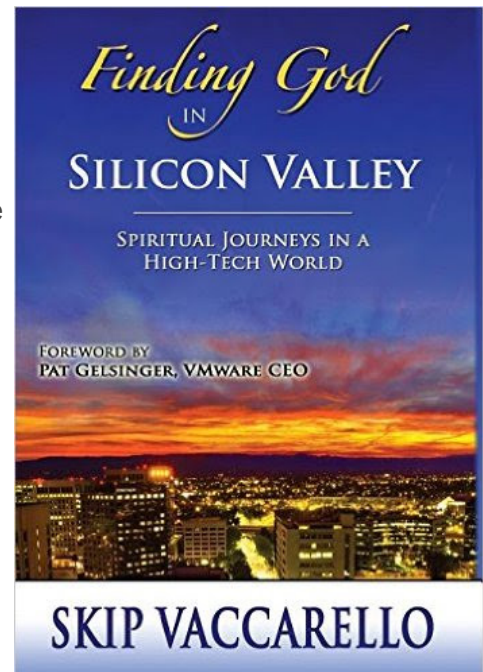


## JAIDA IM FEATURED IN NEW BOOK

**Purchase Your Copy on Friday, October 30th**

Skip Vaccarello, an experienced Silicon Valley executive, chair of the Silicon Valley Prayer Breakfast, and a Freedom House supporter, has announced the launch of **"Finding God in Silicon Valley"** on October 30th. The book tells how God is working in the lives of people of Silicon Valley, including venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, leaders of major companies, innovators in non-profit start-ups, scientists and technologists. The personal journey that led Freedom House Founder and Executive Director Jaida Im to open the first "safe house" and long-term aftercare program of its kind in Northern California for human-trafficking survivors is detailed. To order the book on Amazon: <http://amzn.to/1LolIKY>

As a special thank-you for ordering or writing a review of the book on October 30th, Skip has written a "Companion Bible Reference Guide" for the book. He will email the link for a free download of the guide. In addition, a video interview on why Skip wrote the book and what he learned in the process will be a bonus for those who visit Amazon on October 30th. To directly contact the author about his special promotional offer, email Skip at [skip@findinggodsv.com](mailto:skip@findinggodsv.com)



## NATIONAL COOKIE MONTH CONTINUES

We know your cravings for sweets don't end on Halloween, so we are extending our offer to provide a Peet's gift card for a cookie of your choice to supporters who sign up to become new monthly donors. Your recurring donations of \$20 or more provide Freedom House with a consistent and reliable source of income to help fund housing and direct services for the survivors we serve. To set up your monthly pledge, click on the "Give Now" button, then enter the amount you would like to



contribute: [www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate). If you would prefer to donate by mail, please send your monthly checks to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. Satisfy that cookie craving and financially aid human-trafficking survivors today!

## ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Oohng Hwang**

After completing the September volunteer training course, Oohng Hwang regularly has been staffing Freedom House information tables ever since. A graduate of UC Berkeley, Oohng earned his law degree at the University of Detroit. He says he first learned about human trafficking while at a prayer

meeting in Missouri in 2012, where he met Benjamin Nolot, the founder of Exodus Cry, a group dedicated to the abolition of sex slavery. This encounter, he says, was the seed God sowed in his heart that eventually led him to join Freedom House. Oohng, his parents and two brothers have lived in San Mateo since 1978.



**Freedom House in the Community:**

- \* October 29: Soroptimist International of Los Gatos-Saratoga "Awakening Women's Potential" Luncheon, Villa Ragusa, Campbell
- \* November 4: First Presbyterian Church, San Jose
- \* November 6: Peninsula League Luncheon, Millbrae
- \* November 7: Break Free Run, Lake Merritt, Oakland
- \* November 14: Christmas Boutique, Community Christian, Morgan Hill
- \* November 15: Reality SF, San Francisco
- \* November 17: University of San Francisco, San Francisco

**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. For more information about Freedom House, please visit [www.FreedomHouseSF.org](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org)