

USE YOUR FEET FOR FREEDOM 5K

Saturday, April 16, Palo Alto, 8:00 a.m.

Take a step toward ending human trafficking by participating in the family-friendly "Use Your Feet for Freedom" 5k Run/Walk event on Saturday, April 16, 8:00 a.m., through Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. The popular community park is the perfect setting for a festive morning filled with fun activities, including balloon sculptures, face painting and 5-minute chair massages.

Parking and food are available. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Palo Alto Vineyard Church is hosting this third annual 5k to benefit Freedom House. To register: <http://tinyurl.com/zp4etvs> For more information, please contact Niki Liming at niki3668@gmail.com



SCU STUDENTS COMPLETE 27-HOUR MARATHON

Santa Clara University students recently stood outside the campus library for 27 hours in honor of the estimated 27 million victims of human trafficking worldwide. Freedom Project, a student-run club that educates the SCU community about human trafficking, organized the "Stand for Freedom" marathon, in which students distributed information and sold baked goods to raise funds for Freedom House. The event also featured a collection of student artwork centered on the theme of social justice. Congratulations to SCU students for undertaking such a powerful awareness-building event!



MONARCH GRADUATE TO SPEAK AT GALA

The scourge of human trafficking often occurs in the shadows. Shining the spotlight on this heinous crime will be the personal testimony by a survivor during the Freedom House 7th Annual Gala on April 30th. The recent graduate of The Monarch residential shelter and aftercare program in San Mateo County will be making her speaking debut. It's a rare opportunity for the public to hear directly from a woman who fled her captors, reclaimed hope and began a new life. To offer your encouragement and support, kindly invite your friends to join you at this inspirational evening.



FREEDOM HOUSE GALA & CHARITY AUCTION

Saturday, April 30, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

The event of the year is only a few weeks away! Enjoy a gourmet dinner, entertainment, lively auctions and more as we team up to "Strike Out Human Trafficking." Former San Francisco Giant Jeremy Affeldt will share his passion and commitment to eradicate modern-day slavery. Founder Jaida Im will update the Gala audience on the progress being made by survivors at The Nest for adolescent girls and The Monarch for women. Tables of 10, individual tickets and student tickets are available online through EventBrite:

<http://freedomhousegala2016.eventbrite.com> If you would prefer to pay by check, please mail your payment to Freedom House, PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. For additional Gala information, contact Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org.



SIGN UP TO BE A GALA VOLUNTEER

Donate Your Time During Annual Fundraiser

Join the fun and make new friends while working side-by-side with fellow Freedom House abolitionists at the Crowne Plaza Hotel during the Gala. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the Silent and Live Auctions and Fund-A-Need activities. Photographers also are being sought.

Complimentary snacks are provided. For those would like to partake in the Gala dinner while working behind-the-scenes throughout the evening, special \$75 volunteer discount tickets are available. For more information and to sign up to help, contact Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org.



ADVOCATE AND SHELTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training Begins Saturday, May 7, 2016

Are you interested in becoming a Freedom House shelter or advocate volunteer? If so, the deadline to sign up for the next training is fast approaching. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, April 25. Shelter volunteer trainees undergo a background check and receive 40 hours of required training prior to interacting with survivors at our shelters.

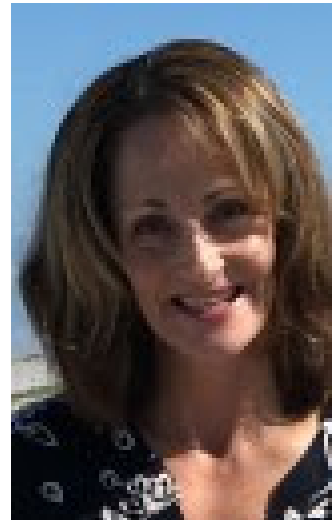
Advocate volunteers serve as Freedom House ambassadors throughout the Bay Area, speaking before local organizations about human trafficking, distributing information and supporting development for our shelter programs. Both trainings begin May 7. Advocate training will be completed that day; shelter volunteer training will continue through the month. For further information and to apply, contact Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.



SHELTER VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jen Baker

Jen always has had a heart for women and children who have been through traumatic experiences. When she first learned about the atrocity of human trafficking, Jen wanted to get involved in the fight against it but had no idea how. Two years ago, she heard about Freedom House and completed its training to become a shelter volunteer. Jen says she knew this was exactly where she was meant to be. "I joined the family dinners, cooking and baking with the girls, going on hikes and doing other fun activities. But the most fulfilling thing I've been involved in is helping the girls come to know their worth and value in God's eyes." Jen says spending time with them has impacted her in more ways than she can count. "They show me the true meaning of resilience, and it's beautiful to see their dreams come true. I feel blessed to be a part of this journey with them."



ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Lauren Young

A Southern California native, Lauren moved to the Bay Area to attend Santa Clara University and is now in her fifth year as an elementary school teacher. She first became aware of human trafficking through a small group at South Bay Church that was learning about social justice issues, and anti-trafficking became a group focus. An avid reader, Lauren says she read "just about every book I could get my hands on" about the topic. When she found out that some other members of the church worked with Freedom House, she took the advocate training last fall to help get more people involved. "I love connecting with others over my passions," Lauren says, "and advocating for Freedom House is the perfect opportunity to do just that!" She particularly enjoys home jewelry parties and tabling events. Lauren is married and has two cats.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

April 13: National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Redwood Shores

April 16: Walk Against Rape, San Francisco
April 16: "Use Your Feet for Freedom," Palo Alto
April 20: Parthenon-EY, San Francisco
April 20: Santa Clara University Spring Benefit, Santa Clara
April 21: H.E.A.T. Institute, San Leandro
April 23: University San Francisco, San Francisco
April 24: Missions Conference, Valley Community Church, Pleasanton

To request a Freedom House advocate to speak before your organization, school or business, please contact Katelyn@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 direct services. In August 2010, Freedom House launched the Monarch, the first "safe house" and long-term aftercare program of its kind in Northern California for adult female survivors of human trafficking. It assists U.S.-born and international survivors of unpaid labor, domestic servitude and sexual exploitation. The Nest, which opened in 2014, 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 human exploitation and creating new futures for survivors. For more