

**FREEDOM HOUSE 7TH ANNUAL GALA
Jeremy Affeldt Set to Keynote Fundraiser**

Buy your tickets today to attend the Freedom House 7th Annual Gala and Charity Auction, being held on Saturday, April 30, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Jeremy Affeldt, the popular relief pitcher with the San Francisco Giants who recently retired, will inspire the audience by sharing his deep commitment to eradicate modern-day slavery. Gala tickets are \$150 per person and \$1,500 for a table of ten. To enable young abolitionists to attend, there is a limited number of student discount tickets at \$75 each. Sponsorship packages also are available. For information and to purchase tickets:

www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Events.

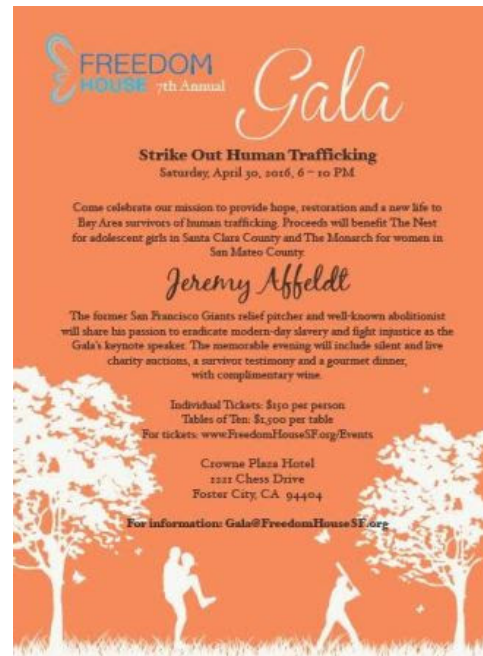
You also may send a check made payable to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011.

Gala Auction Items Are Requested

Do you have a favorite restaurant, hotel, retail store, or service you would like to promote? Help Freedom House raise vital funds for its two Bay Area shelters by asking businesses to donate a gift certificate or interesting item to the Gala silent and live auctions. For details, contact Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org.

Join the Fun

Supporters are invited to join organizers in planning the biggest event on the Freedom House calendar. Volunteers are needed to promote the Gala, obtain auction donations and garner sponsors, Meet your fellow abolitionists when assisting at the registration desk or with auction check-out and Fund-A-Need during the Gala festivities. There also is a need for administrative assistance prior to the event. To learn more about Gala volunteer opportunities, contact Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org.



SHELTER UPDATES

The adolescent girls at **The Nest** in Santa Clara County celebrated Valentine's Day with a special "Spa Day," with shelter volunteers. Handmade Valentine's Day cards, heartfelt sentiments and colorful postcards with chocolates were sent to The Nest by students at Santa Clara University and members of the UNICEF Club at Valley Christian High School. For many of the girls at The Nest, it was the first time they spent Valentine's Day in a loving home environment.



At **The Monarch** in San Mateo County, another survivor recently graduated with a full-time job and enough savings to purchase a car. She is grateful for the support she has received and is eager to mentor others on how to move forward with their lives. She currently is in the process of furnishing her new home. If you would like to assist, please send gift cards from retailers like Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Marshall's, Sears and Target to PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011, along with an encouraging note for the survivor.

USE YOUR FEET FOR FREEDOM 5K

Saturday, April 16, in Palo Alto

Take a step toward ending human trafficking by participating in the upcoming Use Your Feet for Freedom 5k run/walk, being held on Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 a.m. Charming Mitchell Park in Palo Alto is the setting for the event, which is perfect for runners or families to enjoy. Palo Alto Vineyard Church is hosting its third 5k fundraiser, benefiting Freedom House. Early registration fee is \$35. After April 2, it becomes \$40. To register: <http://tinyurl.com/zt24cvl>



PRO BONO SERVICE PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT

Coastside Dentistry

Drs. Johannes and Stephanie Knueppel offer dentistry for the whole family through their Coastside Dentistry practice in Half Moon Bay. Since 2015, they have provided services to survivors at The Monarch. Dr. Johannes completed his Bachelor of Science at UC Davis, where he studied biochemistry and molecular biology. He then received his doctorate in dentistry from UC San Francisco School of Dentistry. Dr. Stephanie completed her Bachelor of Science at Rutgers University in New Jersey. She moved out to California to attend dental school at the University of California San Francisco, where she met her now husband Johannes. "We first heard about Freedom House in 2010 while attending Dolores Park Church in San Francisco," the couple commented. "Back then, we were still dental students, and our involvement consisted of getting items for the newly opened home. Now as practicing dentists, we feel called to serve and give to those who are in need. It's what drew us to dentistry as a profession, and we feel privileged to have the training and skills to get people out of pain and into good oral health."



ADVOCATE & SHELTER VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Dallal

An aspiring attorney, shelter and advocate volunteer Rachel Dallal is a 2014 graduate of Reed College, where she earned her BA in anthropology and first encountered the issue of human trafficking in her studies. Her senior thesis examined the global controversy incited by a Southern California monument to "comfort women," the thousands of women and girls who were trafficked into sexual service for the Imperial Japanese Army during World War II. Upon completion of her thesis, Rachel knew she wanted to continue investigating human trafficking, and was delighted to find Freedom House. In her few months as a volunteer, she feels she has learned a great deal about this modern form of slavery and the pathways to rehabilitation for survivors. She enjoys stopping by the house to visit with the residents and staff, and says she has been honored to educate others when representing FH as an advocate. As an eventual lawyer, Rachel hopes to tackle the trafficking industry in court.



Freedom House in the Community:

February 28: Freedom in Action Conference, UC Berkeley
March 10: Women of Impact Resource Fair, Cisco Systems
March 12: Fremont Community Church, Fremont
April 1: Silicon Valley Prayer Breakfast, Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
April 7: Stand for Freedom, Santa Clara University

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 information about Freedom House, please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org.