FREEDOM HOUSE SHELTER UPDATES

Through your support, Freedom House provides critical shelter and direct services to survivors of human trafficking. The Monarch, our "safe house" and aftercare program in San Mateo county for adult women, assists both international and U.S.-born survivors of unpaid labor, domestic servitude and sexual exploitation. The tranquil home environment allows survivors the time they need to heal from the physical wounds and psychological trauma. Residents actively are pursuing their educational and career goals, including ESL classes, nursing school and IT training. Monarch staff members also regularly aid non-resident survivors from around the country, providing telephone counseling, safety planning and referrals for those who ask Freedom House for help.

The Nest, our group home in Santa Clara County for adolescent girls involved in sex trafficking, continues to flourish, housing more than 25 young survivors since opening. Each month, special activities are planned with volunteers to engage the girls in their community. During Spring Break, Nest residents learned the value of providing service to others as they volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Nest residents frequently enjoy field trips and special excursions throughout the Bay Area, and a recent outing may be their most cherished event to date. Thanks to two very special Nest supporters, the girls received a private tour of Pixar Animation Studios in Emeryville. The survivors still are bubbling with enthusiasm over the experience. Our goal is to have young residents dream and pursue a better life for themselves. By planting the inspirational seeds today, our survivors may grow up to be among the leaders, philanthropists and artists of the future. Your contributions are paving the way to their success. To make a monthly or one-time gift, please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate

BOB GOFF TO KEYNOTE FUNDRAISER
Saturday, April 25, Crowne Plaza Hotel

As author of the New York Times best-seller "Love Does," Bob Goff encourages readers to embrace what he calls the "do" part of life, and that's what his own life has been about. Bob, a practicing attorney and partner in the firm of Goff & DeWalt in Washington, D.C., is the founder of Restore International, a nonprofit that not only fights for human rights in developing countries, but provides educational opportunities for young people in these countries. Bob, the featured speaker at this year Gala, will inspire and motivate attendees through his humor and personal insights to take action to eradicate modern-day slavery. To make a larger impact within our local abolitionist community, Freedom House offers a reduced-price Gala dinner ticket to students who want to learn how they can help human-trafficking survivors in the San Francisco Bay Area. For individual and student Gala tickets, visit https://freedomhousegala2015.eventbrite.com

ANNUAL GALA IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
Buy Your Tickets Today!
Freedom House will mark its sixth annual Gala on Saturday, April 25, as long-standing partners and newcomers to its mission raise vital funds to support The Nest and The Monarch. The nonprofit's 2015 Guardian Award is being presented to the FBI San Francisco Division, with Supervisory Special Agent Doug Hunt accepting. Jaida Im, founder and executive director, will be updating guests about the progress being made at the two residential shelters. To highlight the evening, a recent survivor-graduate of The Monarch plans to speak before the Gala audience and share her personal experiences. The memorable evening will feature silent and live auctions, with more than 100 entries. Autographed sports memorabilia, travel destinations, excursions, events, art, fine dining, fitness training, home decor, personal care, spa packages, photographic portrait sessions, gadgets and fashionable items are offered.

Known for its delicious food, the Crowne Plaza Hotel has prime rib of beef, chicken saltimbocca or penne pasta with roasted vegetables for guests to enjoy. Complimentary wine is included with the dinner. Gala tickets are $150 per individual, $1,500 for a table of 10, and student tickets are $50. To purchase tickets, visit https://freedomhousegala2015.eventbrite.com If you have any questions about the Gala, please send an email to Gala@FreedomHouseSF.org

**GALA WINE RAFFLE**

Charity Auctions to Feature Specialty Wines

Oenophiles are in for a special treat this year as the Freedom House Wine Raffle and silent and live auctions offer unique wines to suit every palate. Gala guests may purchase raffle tickets priced at $20 each or six for $100 for the chance to win an array of wine worth more than $500. During the live auction, bidders will compete to see who will take home six bottles of the 2001 Fattoria dei Barbi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, which Wine Spectator rated at 93 points, donated by Jute Wu. The silent auction has a rare, autographed bottle of wine by Olympic gold medalist Peggy Fleming, whose Fleming Jenkins winery no longer is in production. Several magnums and highly rated boutique wines are among the items guests will peruse when the silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City.

**FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Upcoming Events

Please join Freedom House representatives at Freedom Summit on Saturday, May 9, as we stand together with our Bay Area colleagues at this important event. For Freedom Summit information, please visit www.freedom-summit.org Our Freedom House advocates also will be participating at the following events:

April 20:  "Peace and Justice" panel, St. Mary's College High School, Berkeley
April 23: National Crime Victims' Rights Fair, San Mateo
May 2-5: 2015 Missions Weekend, Valley Community Church, Pleasanton
May 9: Freedom Summit, Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara
May 16: Conference for Global Transformation, San Mateo

To invite a Freedom House advocate to speak at your business or organization, please contact Young@FreedomHouseSF.org.

**ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER**

Anna Nguyen

An East Bay resident, Anna first learned of the tragedy of human trafficking after seeing the movie
"Taken" in high school. "I couldn't believe that slavery exists today," she says. "I was appalled. I had to do something." Anna began searching for a local organization dealing with this issue, and found Freedom House in 2012. Now a student at Diablo Valley College, she donates her time as an advocate, participating at various events to raise awareness of human trafficking and publicize what Freedom House is doing to support survivors. "I am a social justice major," Anna says, "and am proud to stand up and combat the injustice of human trafficking. Freedom is an inherent human right that all people deserve."

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 house" 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.