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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2014 HONOREES

Freedom House founder Jaida Im was selected by the National Women's History Project to be one of the country's distinguished women of 2014. The annual awards ceremony was held in late March at the Willard Hotel in Washington D.C.

According to the NWHP, "This year's theme, Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment, honored the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and

tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come. These role models, along with countless others, demonstrate the importance of writing women back into history." Jaida Im was recognized for her advocacy for human-trafficking survivors.



Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, Lisa Taylor, Ann Lewis, Arden Eversmeyer, Carmen Delgado Votaw, and Jaida Im.

FREEDOM HOUSE 5TH ANNUAL GALA Saturday Evening, May 17, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Modern-day abolitionists are joining together on one special night in May to raise funds for the Freedom House residential shelters and aftercare programs to support human-trafficking survivors: The Monarch for women and The Nest for girls, ages 12 to 17. Julian Sher, award-winning investigative journalist and author of *Somebody's Daughter*, will be the featured speaker during the Gala. A graduate of The Monarch will be making her debut as a survivor advocate, and she is looking forward to seeing the many shelter volunteers who helped her transform her life into being a successful, self-sufficient woman.



During the Gala program, Freedom House also will be presenting its Guardian Award to the South San Francisco Police Department and the Stewardship Award to Pat Mims of BAWAR.

Guest registration, social hour and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m., with the banquet dinner commencing at 7:15 p.m. Individual tickets are \$150 and tables of 10 are offered at \$1,500. For more Gala information, please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org/events

Gala Charity Auctions, Wine Raffle and More!

The festive celebration will feature silent and live auctions, with such interesting items as a flying lesson, a dude ranch stay, cultural and sporting events, dining and wine tasting experiences, beauty and spa treatments, sports memorabilia, fine art, portrait photo sessions, and plenty of recreational activities, including golf outings, kayaking, bike tours and Bay cruises. Of course, the paella dinner for 50 guests, dinner at a firehouse with a ride on a fire truck, and a gourmet dinner at the home of Jaida and Karl Im, which is prepared and served by the Freedom House Board of Directors, are back by popular demand.



To purchase tickets: <https://freedomhouse5thannualgala.eventbrite.com> If you would prefer to pay by check, please send payment to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. We look forward to seeing you at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City on May 17th!

SHELTER VOLUNTEER AND PROGRAM INTERN Supriya Krishnan

Supriya graduated from UCSB June 2012 with a B.A. in Business Economics and a B.A. in Global Studies. During college, her increasing awareness about the human-trafficking issue compelled her to take action. After graduation, Supriya began volunteering with Not For Sale. It was during their conference in 2012 that she met Freedom House representatives and decided to become actively and directly involved with survivors. She has been a shelter volunteer at The Monarch since March 2013 and soon will be volunteering at The Nest as well. In addition to being an active shelter volunteer, she also works as a program development intern. Supriya is a part of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, and she is becoming involved with Love Never Fails. As someone dedicated to ending human trafficking, Supriya says, "The girls are my inspiration to continue in this line of work during the tough times."



ADVOCATE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER Miranda Hudson

Miranda heard about Freedom House from Jeanna Kim, a volunteer who came to her Bible Study at Bridges Community Church in Los Altos to introduce them to Freedom House. Miranda's husband and she decided it was an organization they should work with. Figuring out the needs of survivors that she could fulfill with her talents and abilities, Miranda was able to use her plant knowledge and floral design background to coordinate decorations for the 2013 Gala, and add crucial plantings to help screen and beautify The Nest. Her Bible Study group also has been able to help in other ways with Christmas gifts for the women living in the homes, and maintenance on the houses. The whole group has gotten on board with the Freedom House cause and is excited to continue its support. Miranda also has enlisted her father, Ted Williams, a Sonoma County radio personality, who will be co-hosting the Freedom House 5th Annual Gala with Leslie Peay. We thank Miranda for once again sharing her floral design talent by leading the 2014 Gala Decorations Committee.



SHELTER VOLUNTEER

Tammy Cheng

Tammy was born and raised in the Bay Area and went to college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After college, she moved to Washington D.C., and then later moved back to the area to be closer to her family. Tammy originally was drawn to the issue of human trafficking through a series of documentaries that touched her heart. After reading more about Freedom House, she realized that it was the perfect way to give back and help those who weren't as fortunate. After going through the shelter volunteer training program and understanding how survivors wanted to experience diverse activities, Tammy decided to share baking, and now enjoys delicious treats with Monarch residents when they bake together. She also has joined them on some wonderful hikes around the Bay. Tammy comments, "It has been truly amazing to spend time with the girls."



About Freedom House:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is an independent 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. The Nest, located in Santa Clara County, is one of the few residential shelters in the country dedicated to helping girls, ages 12 to 17. Through its pioneering aftercare model, Freedom House is breaking the cycle of human exploitation and creating new futures for survivors. To learn how you can become involved, visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org

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