ANNUAL HOLIDAY MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE NOW UNDERWAY!
Goal to Raise $190,000 to Benefit Survivors with Safe Housing and Services

Your vital support is making a tremendous difference in the lives of local human-trafficking survivors. Launching today, the first $95,000 in donations instantly will be doubled by a group of abolitionists who want Freedom House to capture more than $190,000 in funding between now and January 17th.

By making a 100% tax-deductible donation, your gift will provide food, clothing, transportation, housing, therapy, educational resources and job-training opportunities to the women at The Monarch shelter in San Mateo County and the adolescent girls at The Nest in Santa Clara County. Your contributions support survivors in their journey to becoming independent and self-sufficient.

Double your impact by donating at www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate or by participating in the Text-2-Give campaign at http://bidpal.net/7Freedom. Be sure to provide your email address if you want to receive a tax receipt! You also may send your check made payable to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. No matter which fundraising avenue you choose to use, every dollar raised will help the human-trafficking survivors we serve. We are grateful for your support!

MEMOIR TO SUPPORT FREEDOM HOUSE
Barney Wiget, long-time Freedom House Advocate Volunteer, has written his recently released memoir entitled The Other End of the Dark. In one two-month period, Barney lost his marriage, pastoral ministry, income, and health to bone marrow cancer. He describes, in both heart-rending and humorous tones, his grief process and emergence into a season of fulfilling and fruitful service. What Barney calls his "small place in God's big plan" continues to unfold today into a "simple single life of service" in San Francisco's most destitute neighborhoods. Throughout his book, Barney shares personal stories of mentoring young spiritual leaders, befriending homeless hippie travelers, and preaching on urine-soaked downtown street corners. Barney's inspirational book is available in both paperback and eBook formats on Amazon at http://tinyurl.com/gtqps45
Barney graciously plans to donate all profits to Freedom House.
Spearheaded by Cheryl Chin and Katelyn Do, the social media team continues to develop and engage the Freedom House community by sharing ideas, anti-human-trafficking news, survivor success stories and more on Facebook and Twitter. Since January, Freedom House has strengthened its presence through the efforts of Cheryl Leung, Jessica Menchaca, Louise Wood, Paul Yang and Susan DePriest, who generate timely content. If you like what you see, retweet the post or share the message with your friends.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Advocate Volunteer - Jim Shaver

A Bay Area native, Jim Shaver and his wife have raised two wonderful children who also make the area their home. His first exposure to the horror of human trafficking was a showing of the film "Hark" and a talk by its director, Jonathan Fung. Soon after, Jim spoke with Katelyn Do, who was advocating on behalf of Freedom House. Katelyn's message was so powerful that he felt that he was being called to get involved. Attending the advocate training session, he was surprised to find that he was the only male there, but he soon came to appreciate that a man's voice is needed in this struggle. Jim has participated in a number of advocacy events for Freedom House, including the recent 3Strands Global "Break Free" 5k run in Oakland.

FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

Nov. 27: Palo Alto Vineyard Church, Palo Alto
Nov. 30: Contra Costa Christian High School, Walnut Creek
Dec. 4: Christmas Faire, Los Gatos
Jan. 11: Canadian Women's Club, South San Francisco
Jan. 28: Health Educators Workshop, Pleasanton

To request a Freedom House advocate to speak before your organization, faith-based group, school or business, 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, visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org.

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