

FREEDOM HOUSE SURVIVOR-GRADUATE AND JEREMY AFFELDT SHINE AT ANNUAL GALA

Guests attending the Freedom House 7th Annual Gala experienced a memorable evening, featuring laughter and tears. Jeremy Affeldt, the three-time World Series champion with the San Francisco Giants, charmed the audience with his candid reflections about his career and journey to becoming a leading abolitionist. Jaida Im, Freedom House founder and executive director, presented Affeldt with the non-profit's *2016 Stewardship Award*. (Photo credit: Tom Jung/San Mateo Daily Journal). Accepting the *Guardian Award* on behalf of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office was Mike Brosnan, Human-Trafficking Coordinator. A recent survivor-graduate of The Monarch aftercare program for women reflected on her transformation from despair to living a remarkable life with a good-paying job and accomplishing her dreams. Serving as Co-Masters of Ceremonies were Leslie Peay and Matt Anderson. Adding to the excitement of the evening were surprise offerings during the Live Auction: autographed memorabilia by Jeremy Affeldt; a week's stay at a private, luxurious condominium in Maui and two coveted tickets to a Golden State Warriors playoff game! Each year, the Gala gets better and better. Mark your calendars to attend the Freedom House 8th Annual Gala, which is set to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017.



THANK YOU, GALA VOLUNTEERS!

Freedom House wishes to thank the dedicated volunteers who devoted countless hours in planning the Gala and Charity Auctions. The Committee Leads were: Tina Beauchamp and Leah Cameron (Auctions), Emily Burns (Registration), Christian Cablay (A/V), Cheryl Chin (Social Media), Katelyn Do (Volunteers and Visual Displays), Miranda Hudson (Decorations), Hanna Kang (Fund-A-Need) and Karen Yu (Survivor Jewelry). Pictured are some of the members of the registration team. (Photo credit: Gordon Kelly Photography)



Among the 2016 Gala volunteers were: Matt Anderson, Flora Baik, Karen Borden, Erica Bryant, Andrew Burks, Lynne Burks, Juli Carter, Christine Chen, Julie Chinn, Jessica Cho, Christine Chong, Mea Christie, Marie Chu, Hanna Chung, Mark Doering, Mary Doering, Jerry Fontanares, Lorrie Gemmel, Dayana Gil, Antony Grasso, Peggy Grasso, Nola Hackett, Andrea Han, Manon Hessels, Natalie Hing, Minnie Hong, Daniel Hudson, Leo Jacques, Ruby Jacques, Lauri Janday, Jeanne Jensen, Kathy Kang, Naomi Karake, Alina Kim, Katelyn Kritzell, Natalie LaFuente, Betty Lee, Jimmy Lee, Miriam Lee, Cheryl Leung, Niki Liming, Bunnie Lo, Holly Luu, Kelvin Mak, Marian Mak, Rocio Mancero, Ruth McGee, Megan Negrey, Zac Negrey, Elisha Park, Jonathan Parrish, Leslie Peay, Cody Pyle, Margaret Pyle, Gulu Sakhrani, Chris Scharmen, Gina Serassio, Alysha Shivji, Doris Suh, Annie Turner, Reed Turner, Marianna Warmee, Louise Wood, Daniel Wu, Lauren Young, and Lisa Yu.

A special thank you to the following professionals who contributed their services to the annual fundraiser: Awards: Kathy Burkhour, Bark Printing and Promotions; Facebook Promotional Campaign: Mark Wang; Gala Event Photography: Gordon Kelly Photography; Gala Program Printing: Calinoi Printing; and Graphic Designs: Stephanie Urmeneta. Through the tremendous efforts of the Gala volunteers and services provided, vital funds were raised for The Nest for adolescent girls and The Monarch for women.

FIXIES FOR FREEDOM

Memorial Day Weekend

Ryan Greco, founder of Fixies for Freedom, is a dedicated abolitionist who is doing something he loves - bike riding - to fight for a cause for which he cares deeply: rescuing victims of sex trafficking and providing them with safe housing. During the Memorial Day weekend, Ryan plans to build awareness about human trafficking and raise funds as he completes a 365-mile bike ride throughout the Bay Area. Ryan's 365-mile journey symbolizes the goal of providing 365 days of housing to the women and adolescent girls who receive shelter at Freedom House. The term "fixies" refers to a fixed-gear bike which Ryan uses, meaning there are no "free miles." Uphill or down, Ryan always has to pedal. To donate to the "Fixies for Freedom" fundraiser: <http://bidpal.net/7Freedom>



FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING ANNOUNCED

Classes Begin on Saturday, September 10, 2016

Freedom House now is accepting applications for its upcoming fall volunteer training for those who would like to become a **Shelter**

Volunteer or serve the organization as an **Advocate**. Training sessions will be held in San Mateo County, commencing on Saturday, September 10.

Shelter Volunteers must complete the required 40-hour training comprised of seven classes: Sept. 10 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Sept. 13 (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Sept. 15 (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Sept. 17 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Sept. 22 (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Sept. 24 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the final day of training on Oct. 1 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). To be considered for one of the limited Shelter Volunteer positions, candidates must submit a completed volunteer application packet no later than August 5th. Upon review by the Selection Committee, finalists will be invited for in-person interviews and to present a LiveScan background check. To request an application, please contact Operations Director Tina Beauchamp at Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.



Advocate Volunteers represent both The Nest and The Monarch as they spread awareness throughout Northern California about Freedom House and educate the public about human-trafficking issues. If you enjoy public speaking and meeting new people, we welcome your involvement. Candidates who want become an Advocate only will attend the first day of training on Saturday, September 10. Advocate applications are due no later than August 15th. To begin your rewarding journey as a Freedom House volunteer, please contact Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Julia Wells

Originally from the East Coast, Julia Wells recently relocated to Marin County and was really excited to find Freedom House as a way to get more involved and give back to her new Bay Area community. She founded her own company that offers "life + business" coaching for female entrepreneurs and small business owners. Julia believes in a creative yet practical approach to running your "life + business" to create more freedom, happiness, and impact. She is also strongly committed to sisterhood, connection and service. As an advocate volunteer, Julia hosted her own fundraiser, The Sisterhood Soiree. The event was a half day for women to connect to their bodies, each other, and their visions through a group workout, a goal-setting workshop and vision board making. Julia raised more than \$1,400 while building awareness about the impact and extent of human trafficking in our own backyard.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

May 26: Woodside Priory School, Portola Valley

May 27: Fixies for Freedom, Bay Area

June 2: Niles Rotary Club, Fremont

June 10: Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition Vision Trip, San Francisco

July 24: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Pacifica

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.