

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Training Classes Begin on Saturday, September 10th

Freedom House needs compassionate individuals to join in its mission to empower human-trafficking survivors at The Monarch, its residential shelter and aftercare program for women, and The Nest, the group home for adolescent girls who have been sexually exploited for commercial purposes. Our **shelter volunteers** provide the much-needed love, care and support when survivors are healing from the trauma they have endured and striving to become independent and self-sufficient. These special volunteers assist with shelter dinners, survivor celebrations, arts and crafts, tutoring sessions, and educational and recreational outings. To be considered for a shelter volunteer position, candidates must submit a completed application packet. Upon review, finalists will be invited for an in-person interview, to present a LiveScan background check, then attend the required 40-hour course. Training begins on Saturday, **September 10**, in San Mateo County. To request an application and receive detailed information, please email Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.



In addition, Freedom House is seeking dedicated abolitionists to help raise awareness about human-trafficking issues by becoming an **advocate volunteer**. It's the perfect opportunity to become involved, as advocates represent Freedom House at community events, speaking engagements and tabling opportunities throughout California. Advocacy training also will be held on September 10th. If you would like to learn more about human-trafficking and the pioneering work Freedom House is accomplishing, kindly contact Tina@freedomhousesf.org.

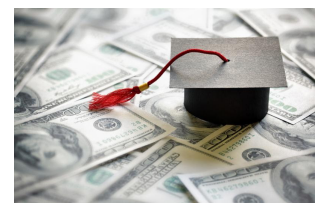
'USE YOUR FEET FOR FREEDOM' RAISES FUNDS

Since 2013, the popular "Use Your Feet for Freedom" 5K run, which is sponsored by Palo Alto Vineyard Church, has generated awareness and vital funds for the Freedom House shelter programs in the San Francisco Bay Area. Niki Liming, (second from right), who has led the planning and execution of this annual family-friendly event since its inception, recently met with Jaida Im, Freedom House founder and executive director. Flanked by her 5K team members Erica and Lorrie, Niki announced that the 2017 event will be held on Saturday morning, May 6. Freedom House is grateful to Niki and Palo Alto Vineyard Church for their ongoing commitment to help eradicate modern-day slavery.



SURVIVORS SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION

The fall-term enrollment process soon will begin for Monarch survivors who have identified their educational interests and specific coursework they would like to pursue. As you know, tuition costs at community colleges and vocational training schools quickly add up. You can help survivors achieve their goals by making a donation today. Kindly mail a check to Freedom House at P.O. Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011 or donate at www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate. Education is the key to unlocking a brighter future for local survivors. Thank you for supporting their educational aspirations.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Advocate Volunteer - Louise Wood

Born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area, Louise Wood has a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where she also earned the title of Miss Maryland 2008 and represented the state in

the 2009 Miss America competition. She chose to use her title to promote the adoption of children out of foster care, a cause close to her heart. After graduation, Louise pursued her artistic passion as an actress in New York and DC. She later left performance and dove headfirst into application-security sales, where she met her husband Robert, an "ethical hacker" and Red Team specialist who is now an information security leader. They share a passion for social justice, responsible data management and helping non-profit organizations leverage technology to their benefit. Today, she works with a startup that helps companies identify vulnerabilities in web applications to prevent security breaches.



Louise learned about Freedom House on a trip to the Bay Area in 2015 before relocating here. She heard Jaida speak at a local church, and God put a clear call-to-action on her heart. She got involved as an advocate and speaker at regional and statewide events. Her favorite was a night of prayer and worship in Southern California, where she shared Freedom House's mission with college students. Louise says she is excited to be a part of helping to grow Freedom House's reach, resources and influence.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Shelter Volunteer - Sally Ahnger

Sally Ahnger grew up in a small town in rural Illinois and got a BS in computer science from the University of Illinois. She has lived on the Peninsula since 1981, when she came to the Bay Area to go to graduate school at Stanford University, earning master's degrees in both computer science and engineering management. She worked in the computer industry until 2000, when she retired after being VP of engineering for a software startup. From 2003-2013, she had a second career as a part-time director of religious education for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fremont. Sally says she first learned about Freedom House at a showing of a human-trafficking documentary. Her exploration of the subject included going to the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., when female Senators were speaking in support of several anti-human-trafficking bills. She later became interested in working directly with survivors to help them rebuild their lives. Volunteering at both the Monarch and the Nest, Sally says her most fulfilling moments involve helping survivors with specific skills, like working with math or creating a resume.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

Aug. 8: WestGate Church Compassion Immersion, South Hills Campus, San Jose

Aug. 14: WestGate Church Compassion Immersion, Saratoga Campus

Aug. 14: Sunset Church "Coffee for a Cause," San Francisco

Sept. 11: Sunset Church "Coffee for a Cause," San Francisco

Sept. 24: 3Strands Global "Break Free Run," Folsom

Sept. 27: Soroptimist International of Capitola-By-The-Sea

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

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