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HELP SURVIVORS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE

Summer has arrived, and human-trafficking survivors hope to celebrate their newly discovered freedom like most Americans. Local fireworks presentations, outdoor concerts, beach trips, recreational sports, art shows and special events beckon during the long summer months ahead. Will you join us by helping to sponsor memorable Bay Area outings and activities? Amusement park passes, concert tickets and sightseeing excursions are expensive. To defray the cost, we ask you to donate \$20 or more through our new mobile tool. You may use your smartphone to text to 243725 and enter 7Freedom in the message area, or you may contribute by using this link: <http://bidpal.net/7Freedom> Choose the amount to give, enter your name, credit card information and Zip code. To receive a tax receipt, supply your email address. Watch the total grow toward the annual goal of raising \$50,000 through the mobile app, as donors like you support the survivors we serve.



SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE FALL TRAINING

Now is the perfect time to complete an application to participate in the Freedom House volunteer training for those who would like to become advocate or shelter volunteers. Why volunteer? Learn what some are saying about their valuable service:



Natalie Kwan (shelter): "I knew quite a bit about human trafficking prior to volunteering with Freedom House because I had studied it in grad school, but the training showed me that my academic knowledge was distinct from the skills necessary to healthily and helpfully empower survivors. I appreciated the diverse array of topics covered during the training as well as the genuine, experienced speakers. It was also a great opportunity to befriend other volunteers, who became a support network of sorts for me."

Betty Lee (advocate): "Human trafficking is a lucrative business for criminals and it ranks as the second-fastest-growing criminal activity in the world. Modern slavery still exists, and alarmingly occurs in the Bay Area. As an advocate, you can be a voice for the survivors. Without safe houses and programs to restore these victims, they will continue to be in bondage to their "owners".

Jessica Lechuga (shelter): There aren't enough services/funds for girls after they've been rescued. Every bit helps. I learned human trafficking comes in many forms and happens in every race, religion, socioeconomic status..."

The eight-hour advocacy class is being held in San Mateo County on **Saturday, September 10.** Those who also want to make a direct impact on the lives of survivors and volunteer in the shelters begin their training by

attending this daylong session, then participate in six more classes which are scheduled on 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 Oct. 1 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) To learn more about the volunteer program and receive an application, contact Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Shelter Volunteer - Susan DePriest

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Susan earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California, where she met her husband, Eric. After graduation, she worked as a hospital social worker. A few years later, the couple moved up to San Jose, where Susan became a social worker for the Department of Family & Children's Services in Santa Clara County. After her own three children were born, Susan became a full-time stay-at-home mom. She says she first learned about human trafficking through the organization Not For Sale and from reading David Batstone's book of the same name. When she volunteered at the 2015 Freedom House Gala, she knew instantly that she wanted to be more involved, and became a Shelter Volunteer at The Monarch after completing the 40-hour training. Susan says the survivors, the staff, and other volunteers are a source of inspiration and encouragement, and adds that any one of us can make a difference in the life of another person, bringing freedom and healing.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

June 24: Star Vista staff training

June 25: God of Justice Prayer & Worship Night, Anaheim

July 10: Coffee for a Cause, Sunset Church, San Francisco

July 24: Minute for a Mission, 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

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