

Freedom House's *Flying Into Freedom* Benefit Dinner Was a Success



Freedom House celebrated its 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner at Korean Central Presbyterian Church on April 9th, 2011. It was a success! We sold out the event 2 weeks in advance, met our fundraising goal and had a great time!

We enjoyed a fabulous meal prepared by Charles and Stephanie Cihak and the Dolores Park Church kitchen crew, heard inspiring success stories of Freedom House by Jaida Im and listened to a moving testimonial by a Human Trafficking Survivor.

Then we enjoyed bidding on silent auction items such as tickets to sports games, Disneyland tickets, facials, designer apparel and more. Finally we topped off the evening with a dramatic performance by Rachael Lampa.

Thanks to everyone who attended. We also thank all the volunteers, donors and sponsors who made this night possible. Thanks for your hard work!



Spotlight...

In the spotlight section, we would like to share stories of residents and exciting news about their progress. Read below for exciting news from one resident.

Joan (fictional name) was living in a different country, trying to support her family. Through family friends she learned of a new job opportunity in a country in Asia. She agreed to travel to such country to work in a restaurant.

Instead, she was trafficked to the United States and forced to work in a brothel. She was locked behind doors, raped and forced to have sex for money.

She was rescued as a result of a raid and was referred to Freedom House. Here she was able to escape her exploiters and could sleep and recover. She received medical attention and received assistance from an attorney. She was able to return home to her family and continue her life.

Enjoying Field Trips!



Residents have been going on a number of group field trips, including the movies and a trip to the Farmer's Market.

We found a lot of great fruits and vegetables at the Farmer's Market!

Freedom House Shelter Training

Freedom House is hosting its second annual shelter training. There are 20 volunteers engaged in the training.

Volunteers are learning about human trafficking as well as tools and techniques to work with trauma survivors, peer counseling methods and self-care techniques. Volunteers engaged in this training will be able to participate in activities at the home.

We look forward to welcoming our next class of shelter volunteers!

Sponsor a Resident

Residents are working on their GED and taking classes. They need your help.

You can help sponsor their education goals for as little as \$100!

Learn how to sponsor a resident by emailing info@freedom-house.us.

Needs of the House

If you have any of the items below, please email: info@freedom-house.us

- laptop
- fabric for sewing
- juicer
- car (in good condition)
- transportation vouchers
- Lucky's or Safeway grocery cards
- papertowels and toilet paper
- dispensable hand soap
- arts and crafts

Prayer Requests

Freedom House asks supporters to pray for the organization. Specific prayers can be found at:

www.freedom-house.us.com/pray.php

Learn about New Volunteer and Employment Opportunities

We are accepting applications for advocate volunteers.

The next advocate training will occur in Summer 2011. Training will be a 4 hour training program.

If you are interested in participating, please email info@freedom-house.us.

We are hiring! Check out the new opportunity at www.freedom-house.us.com/employment_volunteer.php

Check out the Volunteer Opportunities on the website for more information. Check under the About Us tab: www.freedom-house.us.com/employment_volunteer.php.



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Learn about news, events and how to get involved with Freedom House on our Facebook Page.

Freedom House daily updates the Facebook Page, so become a fan and join our cause!

See our page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Freedom-House/100717059938>

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter



St. Patrick's Day was fun. We made all-green food and enjoyed a yummy cake!

Easter was a great celebration at the house. We made Easter Baskets, enjoyed opening up donation gifts from Sephora and celebrated with Church and a great Easter Dinner, including roast, tiramisu, potatoes and vegetables.

You Can Still Purchase Silent Auction Items from the Benefit Dinner

2 Season Tickets for San Francisco Opera's 2011-2012 season, Series I; Orchestra Ring section.

List of performances: Heart of a Soldier | Friday, Sep 30, 2011 8:00
Turandot | Friday, Nov 18, 2011 8:00 PM;
Nixon in China | Friday, Jun 08, 2012 8:00 PM;
Magic Flute | Friday, Jun 29, 2012 8:00 PM
Market Value: \$600
Buy it Now Price: \$300

Private one-on-one Studio Pilates Class - 90 minute pilates class in Half Moon Bay

website: www.studio4pilates.com
Market Value: \$80
Buy it Now Price: \$40

Hob Nob Walking tour in San Francisco for 4

Hobnob Tours began 11 years ago with the desire to bring the passionate and lively history of San Francisco back to life for tourists and locals. We researched at major historical libraries and collections and consumed vintage books. We secured special permission to tour inside many venues not open to the general public.
Market Value: \$60
Buy It Now Price: \$30

Carolina Herrera Jacket

Market Value: \$5,000
But it Now Price: \$1,500

Items will be sold to first person who contacts the Freedom House administrator. Contact info@freedom-house.us.



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