

# FREEDOM HOUSE

December 2012

## YouTube Video Goes Live!

Freedom House volunteers and a talented film crew comprised of Academy of Art University grads joined together to create a poignant video about the holiday experience for a human-trafficking survivor.

Inspired by testimonies of survivors at The Monarch, volunteer **Elsye Muljono** skillfully portrays a survivor who remembers life before coming to Freedom House. We applaud Elsy on her moving performance.



Please join us in thanking volunteers **Alex Chan, Amy Chang, John Chang, Jennifer Doblack, Pedro Garcia, Natalia Hing, Pamela Kojimoto, Daniel Ong, Leslie Peay, Inez Wibowo** and **Esther Yu** for their on-camera and behind-the-scenes work.

Producer **Ray Lin** created the YouTube video along with **Kris He** and **Brian Chen**. The beautiful musical score is an original composition by **Gordon Situ** and **Tiffany Ng**.

The Freedom House video is now being seen around the world. We invite you to share it with your friends and family: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu2XbnWVtmQ>

## Holiday Giving Campaign \$30,000 Matching Grant Challenge

**Cheryl Chin**, Holiday Giving Campaign chair, is leading efforts to bring awareness to the plight of human-trafficking survivors and the work being done by Freedom House to offer safe housing and aftercare to those who have been rescued from modern-day slavery. Cheryl encourages all supporters to convey their interest in abolishing human trafficking with others during the holidays. We believe the more your friends, family and business associates know about survivors in their own backyard, the more they will be willing to help. Holiday giving can be expressed through personal outreach, monetary donations and other contributions.



Participate in the **\$30,000 Matching Grant Challenge**, which is now underway. Every donation dollar we collect through January 6, 2013 -- \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more, will be doubled immediately. We are halfway to our goal. Even if you have donated in the past, we ask for a contribution toward this time-sensitive matching grant. Act today so we can meet the deadline and capture every dollar for our survivors!

Use our secure online payment system at [www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate) or mail your check to P.O. Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011. Freedom House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, allowing your contribution to be tax-deductible.

Because of supporters like you, Freedom House will be opening an aftercare home for minors in 2013. We believe you are up to the challenge!

## Freedom House News

### Giving Ideas, The Nest and More

**GIFT CARDS** make popular stocking stuffers at Christmas and provide an easy way for you to directly provide survivors with food, clothing, books, household and personal items, and even coffee at a local Starbucks. As residents achieve their goals, they often receive a gift card to a favorite store to commemorate their accomplishments. You can make a difference in their daily lives.



Next time you're browsing the wide variety of gift cards, which are available at the supermarket or drug store, drop one into your shopping cart for Freedom House. We gladly accept cards for such retailers as Lucky's, Safeway, Target, Marshall's, Forever 21, Michael's, Sears, Lowe's, Home Depot, OSH, Costco, Bed, Bath & Beyond and more. Please send your contributions to P.O. Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011.

**VEHICLE DONATIONS** have become a strong source of revenue. Did you know you can donate your used car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle to Freedom House? If interested, visit Donation Line at [www.donationline.com](http://www.donationline.com) to learn about their free pick-up service -- no matter if your vehicle is running or not!

**WISH LISTS** are becoming a reality for the survivors at The Monarch. As they open their presents at Christmas, they will be grateful to **Jeanna Kim**, Bridges Community Church, and **Bonnie Daughtry**, Burlingame United Methodist Church, for organizing this generous project to make survivors' dreams come true.

**THE NEST**, our upcoming residential shelter and aftercare program for girls ages 12 to 17, is generating much excitement in the community as we move toward its Fall 2013 opening. Co-founder **Cheryl Hock** is busy meeting with civic organizations and church groups, sharing how The Nest will be one of the few programs designated for minors in Northern California. Help us build The Nest! [www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate](http://www.FreedomHouseSF.org/donate)

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING** is coming up. Freedom House advocacy training for both The Monarch and The Nest programs is set for March 9. The Monarch shelter volunteer training comprises six separate classes (33 hours total) between March 9 - 23. Shelter volunteer training for The Nest will be scheduled closer to its opening. To sign up for the March sessions, contact **Tina Beauchamp** ([Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org](mailto:Tina@FreedomHouseSF.org)) to begin the application process.

**Our Freedom House mission is to bring hope, restoration and a new life to survivors of all ages.**

**Thank you for your support!**

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*Happy Holidays from  
Freedom House*