



Newsletter - September 2016

NEW HORIZONS AWAIT SURVIVORS THIS FALL Education Offers Hope and a Future



Freedom House survivors headed back to school this month to pursue their individual goals for a college degree, high school diploma, GED or greater understanding of the English language through nightly ESL classes. Education continues to be the key component of the Freedom House aftercare program, as the non-profit directly aids survivors by paying their tuition fees for college and vocational training courses. Trained shelter volunteers also donate countless hours of tutoring services throughout the year. Through your financial gifts, you directly support this important effort. We are grateful that many of you generously responded last month with contributions for the education fund, but the school year has just begun. To help defray the ongoing costs, please consider making a donation to cover tuition, textbooks, and transportation. Kindly mail a check made payable to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011 or donate at www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Donate. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these local survivors.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Advocate Volunteer - Betty Lee

A San Francisco resident, Betty Lee grew up in Chicago and moved to the Bay Area when she was 8. Through the social justice ministry at Sunset Church, she viewed a short video on the work of International Justice Mission, which rescues children caught in sex-trafficking rings. Later, she heard Jaida Im speak passionately about her journey to establish Freedom House. Betty says she started looking for ways to support the cause and was led to take the advocate volunteer training this past year. "I'm blessed," she says, "to be a voice for the survivors at Freedom House and to represent them at events, raising awareness locally that human trafficking exists in our backyard." She stays informed by attending seminars put on by the BAATC (Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition) and by SFCALT (San Francisco Coalition Against Human Trafficking). In the Bible, Betty notes, Isaiah tells us that God calls his people to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, and defend the orphans.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

- Sept. 24: 3Strands Global "Break Free Run," Folsom
- Sept. 27: Soroptimist International of Capitola-by-the-Sea
- Oct. 8: Vessels for Honor, Milpitas
- Oct. 17: Human-Trafficking Awareness in Silicon Valley, San Jose
- Oct. 21: Santa Clara University, Santa Clara
- Oct. 22: Human-Trafficking Awareness Conference, Suisan City
- Oct. 23: Pathway Bible Church, Milpitas
- Oct. 26: Soroptimist International of Carmel Bay
- Oct. 29: Domestic Violence Prevention Conference, Redwood City
- Nov. 3: 3Strands Global "Break Free Run," Oakland

To request a Freedom House advocate to speak before your organization, church, school or business, 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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