



BREAK FREE RUN IN OAKLAND

Join the Freedom House Team on November 5th

The annual 3Strands Global "Break Free Run - The Race to End Human Trafficking," is set for Saturday morning, November 5th, at Lake Merritt in Oakland (666 Bellevue Avenue). This popular 5k and 10k run/walk event builds awareness about human trafficking and raises money to support direct service providers. Freedom House is most grateful for the vital funds it has received from previous race proceeds which have benefited local survivors at our two Bay Area shelters. To register, visit <https://3strandsglobal.redpodium.com/break-free-run-oakland-2016>



We encourage Freedom House supporters to run together. After completing your online registration, contact Katelyn Do, our outreach and volunteer coordinator, to let her know that you would like to join the group. Her email is Katelyn@FreedomHouseSF.org. Freedom House also will be staffing an information table during the event. Be sure to stop by to meet our advocates and view the display of survivor-made jewelry offerings, which are premium thank-you items when you make a donation to Freedom House. Festivities commence at 8:00a.m. and the race begins at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you in Oakland!

SHELTER UPDATE: THE MONARCH

At **The Monarch** in San Mateo County, one of our international survivors just received an A on a term paper, which she says is in her "toughest college course." Congratulations to her and all of the program participants who are attending school this fall..... As the holidays will soon approach, Monarch survivors are creating new jewelry designs to showcase at community events. To support their jewelry-making project, kindly send beads or gift cards from Michael's and Jo-Ann Fabrics to Freedom House at PO Box 2065, Burlingame, CA 94011..... Long-time residential counselor **Asia Jones** moved to the Midwest earlier this year, where she is working as a Case Manager with the Indiana



Department of Child Services. Due to her experience at The Monarch, she has been appointed to the state's specialized Human Trafficking Team. Asia writes, "I was extremely sad to have to leave Freedom House, but I am so happy that God has allowed me to continue helping to work with the survivors, and especially to be a part of spreading the knowledge to Indiana. I appreciate the time and knowledge I gained while there. Freedom House has most certainly set a foundation for my career."

SHELTER UPDATE: THE NEST

Changes are underway at **The Nest**, our group home in Santa Clara County for adolescent girls who have endured commercial sexual exploitation. Created to improve California's child welfare system, Assembly Bill 403, the Continuum of Care Reform Act, takes effect in January 2017. This new legislation requires all group homes for minors, including The Nest, to transition into Short Term Residential Treatment Centers (STRTCs), where youth receive crisis stabilization and structure, with the goal of returning them home or to a family-based setting as soon as possible. New standards and performance measures, including accreditation for the program and specialized training for the staff, are being implemented in collaboration with our co-founding partner, Advent Group Ministries. This work has been ongoing for the past several months. Freedom House remains committed to rescuing young survivors of human trafficking, and plans to welcome more girls into The Nest later this year.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Shelter & Advocate Volunteer - Karen Borden

Born and raised in San Francisco, Karen Borden currently lives in the East Bay with her husband, daughter, and dog. When Jaida came to speak at Fremont Community Church, Karen was touched by her compelling message about human trafficking and signed up to become an advocate volunteer. Since completing the training, she has represented Freedom House both as a table representative and speaker. She has not only involved her work community in the human trafficking cause, but also has started a support group at Fremont Community Church called Freedom Fighters. The group is focused on expanding awareness of human trafficking and partnering with Freedom House to provide volunteer services. So far, Karen's group has yielded five new advocate volunteer training graduates. Earlier this month, Karen herself completed the 40-hour shelter volunteer training, and she is looking forward to this new role in supporting our mission.



FREEDOM HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY:

- Oct. 23: Pathway Bible Church, Milpitas
- Oct. 26: Jubilee Christian Church, San Jose
- Oct. 26: Soroptimist Club of Carmel Bay, Monterey
- Oct. 29: Domestic Violence Prevention Conference, Redwood City
- Nov. 2: Ignite SF, San Francisco
- Nov. 5: 3Strands Global "Break Free Run," Oakland
- Nov. 11: "Broken and Beautiful" Women's Conference, Bridges Community Church, Fremont
- Nov. 30: Contra Costa Christian High School, Walnut Creek

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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