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Dear Friend,

Freedom a la Cart is excited to extend an invitation to support human trafficking survivors and thrivers in our community through our annual fundraiser — Eat Up Columbus — on Saturday, July 27, 2024. We are expecting approximately 400 guests to gather together for a night of hors d'oeuvres, live local music, uplifting stories, and opportunities to create impactful change. Proceeds raised will be used to sustain our mission of empowering survivors toward self-sufficiency through workforce development and a community of long-term support.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world with deep roots in Central Ohio. According to The Safe House Project, it is estimated that 29,100 people in Ohio are victims of trafficking annually. We believe that human trafficking survivors should be empowered to gain freedom through personal and economic independence, so we've created a safe place where individuals can heal, learn, and grow as they reintegrate into our community. Last year Freedom a la Cart served 339 unduplicated survivors throughout Central Ohio.

We invite you to participate in this collaborative community event and support our mission by making an in-kind donation to the event or auction. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support that we have received from the community for our Eat Up Columbus events – which have provided vital funds to support our mission over the past ten years.

Will you join our initiative with a donation to Eat Up Columbus 2024?

It takes a community to create change. Please join us in walking alongside survivors on their journey to freedom!

Better Together,



Paula Haines, CEO

“Freedom a la Cart’s Butterfly Program has drastically improved my life, my overall well-being, my will to fight for myself, and has created a safe supportive community for me.”

–Survivor participant of Freedom’s Butterfly Program

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FREEDOM A LA CART

Freedom a la Cart® empowers survivors of human trafficking and exploitation to build lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. We believe that survivors should be empowered to gain freedom through personal and economic independence. So we've created a safe place of restoration where survivors can heal, learn and grow as they prepare for sustainable employment and reintegrate into our community. What began as a single food cart to help survivors overcome barriers to employment has evolved into a bustling box lunch and drop-off catering company, a fast-casual café + bakery, and a first-of-its-kind survivor resource center -- "The Freedom Loft."

FREEDOM SERVICES

Freedom a la Cart is more than just a job. Due to the extensive trauma endured by survivors – restoration, personal growth, and stability occur over a period of time as a gradual process of transformation. In 2023, Freedom a la Cart served 339 unduplicated survivors through our four main areas of service: 1) restorative justice support through our partnership with Franklin County Municipal Court's CATCH Program, 2) a robust Workforce Development Program, 3) our Butterfly Program for peer support and long-term stability; and 4) our Housing Program connecting survivors with stable, affordable housing. Through curating a holistic program, we are connecting the link between resources, community, and employment; preparing survivors for personal and economic stability and helping them overcome barriers that have historically held them back from achieving self-sufficiency.



DONATION FORM

Your in-kind donation to Eat Up Columbus supports Freedom a la Cart in the fight against human trafficking. On behalf of over 300 survivors served each year by Freedom a la Cart, thank you for your gift of support!

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