



**Freedom West's
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Second Annual Holiday Food Giveaway a Huge Success!

The Freedom West Alumni team's second annual Holiday Food Giveaway was a huge success, with the group passing out 95 turkeys and 95 bags of fresh fruits and vegetables to local families.

The holiday giveaway took place over two days—on Saturday, December 10 and Thursday, December 15. The first

holiday giveaway was carried out with the coordination and support of the African American Cultural Complex. The second event was organized in concert with the San Francisco Police Department.

In addition to the turkeys and fruits and veggies, other groceries included in

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the giveaways included hot chocolate, homemade cookies, individual sweet potatoes, pecan pies and brownies, with the deserts and hot chocolate being donated by the African American Cultural Complex.

Freedom West Alumni representatives Arrenia Corbin, Donn Jamil Corbin, Gloria Burrell, Robbin Boykins, Erica Edgerly-Scott, Terrance Hanserd and Rich O'Neal helped organize the gatherings, with help from other local community members.



Community Profile

Eddie Seymore

When did you move to Freedom West?

In 1974.

What are some of your earliest memories of Freedom West?

Just being a community. We were not far from the OC projects, and there were lots of rough and tumble kids from that community. They used to come down and try and steal our bikes, but there was always a mother looking at our window for those kind of threats. We always had people on our side looking out for us.

What makes Freedom West so special?

Freedom West is special because of how we care for one another. I'll give you an example. The other day, PG&E had a scheduled power outage. It was going to last four hours over night. Well, Rosemary Brown is one of our elders and she's bedridden in an electric bed. So, when I heard that the power was going to be out, I went and got a generator and brought it over to Rosemary's place so she would have power for her bed and wouldn't be uncomfortable. I did that for her, because I know she would have done the same thing for me if the roles were reversed. That's why this community is special.

What do you think an outsider would be surprised to know about Freedom West?

I think the main thing is how we grew up in

the area, where there was a lot of crime and drug dealing, but the majority of us never got involved in that. 99 percent of us did not go down that road.

What advice would you like to share with the younger generations of Freedom West?

Just to cherish this community. I didn't become a shareholder until the 90s, when I was able to take over my great uncle's place. At the time, I was looking for a place in Oakland, because that's where I spent most of my time. But my mom really pushed me to take my uncle's place. And I thank her so much for twisting my arm, because I know a lot of people who left Freedom West and now wish that they could come back.

What would like to see from Freedom West 2.0?

I am in a townhouse right now because I have children and I have invested a lot into my home. But I still want to move forward with Freedom West 2.0 even I have to move and leave those investments behind. Because this community needs the investments that will come along with Freedom West 2.0. We are long overdue for these improvements and Freedom West 2.0 can bring about a lot of positive change.

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Management Corner

Who to contact in emergency situations:

- If you are experiencing a **medical emergency**, please call 911 immediately.
- Freedom West's security company is SVR. The security team can be reached at 415-724-3215

Call the management office if:

- There is a repair needed in your unit
- You have an issue with payment of carrying charges
- You have an issue with registering a vehicle to qualify for parking on a Freedom West lot
- You have a pest control issue. Pest Control service is the 4th Wednesday of every month. Please call the office to get on the schedule.
- You have an issue with a neighbor

Board Meeting Schedule:

- There is not a board meeting scheduled for December.

Additional Items:

- Full Income Certifications for 2023 will commence. Deadline to complete the full income certifications for all households is March 31, 2023.
- Avanath will be conducting unit inspections for all households in the first quarter of 2023.
- Please do not leave your children unsupervised in the common areas of the property including the playground.
- We have free compost pails available at the Freedom West Homes office for pick-up to those that need one.