FREE TO BE

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FRANCO PUNJABI ALLIANCE

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Quote of the Month

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

- H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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Picture on the Left:

Maharaja Ranjit Singh along with his French Generals and beloved horse Asp-i-Laila

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Maharaja Ranjit Singh had two appointed French Generals, Claude Auguste Court and Jean Francois Allard.

Both Generals stayed in Punjab as advisors to Maharaja's army and led them in battles and expeditions.

Both Generals married Punjab women, and continued to serve the kingdom even after Ranjit Singh's death

The event will be held at the world-renowned *Polo Club Saint Tropez* in the town of Gassin, located between Saint-Tropez and the beaches of Pampelonne on the French Riviera, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region of south-eastern France.

The tournament highlights include the Koh-i-Noor Gala Dinner and an Award Ceremony, which are designed to celebrate the historical Franco-Punjabi Alliance.

To commemorate this annual-to-be event, the trophies and a sculpture to be installed in the town, have been commissioned to be designed by the famous Japanese architect, Kengo Kuma.

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Movement across the world

Free to Be first started as a protest of violence against women in India. After a horrible incident on December 16th of 2012, when a young woman was gang raped in a moving bus, **we couldn't stay silent**. Today, **Free to Be** campaign has evolved to support equality and freedom for every individual that suffers from oppression and injustice.

Free to Be is a campaign to promote equality, to let people have choices to be free and encompass their own unique self. Everyone has his or her own personal definition of freedom. However, freedom is not just about the right to do whatever one wants – it is a right to have equal and just opportunities to live, love and be happy.

Free to Be promotes responsible freedom that does not violate the freedom of others. We are <u>not</u> promoting absolute freedom with reckless actions; we are <u>not</u> supporting freedom for deeds that may hurt the environment and people living in it.

Free to Be hopes to achieve understanding and acceptance from the humanity and make it possible for people to have an equal opportunity to basic human rights. In modern society, each and every person must have freedom to embrace their unique qualities, to show their love, to choose their path and who they want to be, to be free to be happy. It is a right to **BE YOU**.
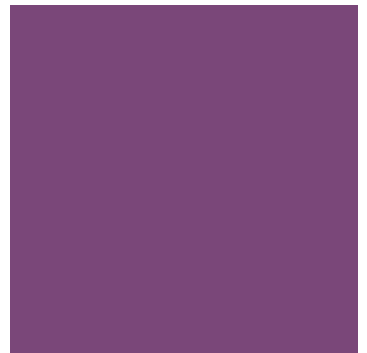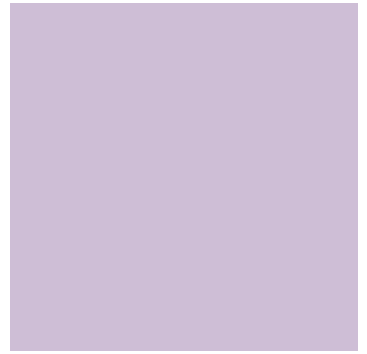
Free to Be advocates the end of stereotypes and unjust social roles that society instilled us with. We advocate freedom taken with responsibility. Every generation is responsible to create and leave the world,

Tokyo 2015: Dance Flashmob at Shibuya Crossing

Free to Be campaign started off with a flashmob at the famous Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo. People from various backgrounds have volunteered to dance during the "green light" to showcase the Free to Be campaign and spread the joy of being free to choose who and what one wants to be and can be.

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