

## About Sunflower Hill

Sunflower Hill is a 501c3 non profit organization created in 2012 by families of children with developmental delays. Our goal is to build a sustainable, diverse community with a life-long living option similar to senior living.

With one in 50 children now being diagnosed with Autism, there is — and will continue to be — an enormous need for housing support for all individuals with special needs who cannot live or work completely independently. Sunflower Hill sees to enhance the current options of institutional and home living by creating a diverse community of choice that supports a sustainable, productive and happy quality of life.

## Our Inspiration

Nationwide there are currently 80 projects similar to the Sunflower Hill vision either operational or in development. In California, there are 12. Communities and programs like Sweetwater Spectrum in Sonoma, Glennwood Housing in Laguna Beach, Vine Village in Napa and Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) in Fremont have set the stage for what's possible. Each of these organizations

sought to develop a community that would allow for the uniqueness of the special needs individual to flourish while still ensuring larger vocational and social integration.

Farm and ranch communities devoted to long-term special needs living have also thrived. Bittersweet Farms in Ohio serves as an early innovator for this concept — offering an option of living and working in an agricultural environment with gardening, small animals and rural operations. Finally, in Mesa, Arizona, another paradigm is emerging — a combination community where typical seniors and special needs individuals can age in place together — allowing for both cross community volunteer options and increased levels of care.



*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

*~ Margaret Mead*



## Vision and Mission

Sunflower Hill seeks to become a model for affordable special needs living and activities in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are actively seeking a location for our community with one of the following potential models:

- FARM/RANCH concept that offers agricultural and vocational options.
- METRO LIVING with access to a greater community which enhances social and vocational options.
- SENIOR/AFFINITY concept that could combine traditional senior living with special needs.



We are currently exploring all funding sources (private pay; federal, state, county and city grants; affordable housing tax credits as well as foundation grants and private contributions) to develop and sustain a successful financial model for Sunflower Hill.

## Please Join Us!

Join us as we work together to realize this vision. Our board of directors and community advisory leaders believe that Sunflower Hill can change the paradigm for the institutional and home living options currently available to individuals with special needs.

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