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East Bay Gives is This Thursday, May 4!



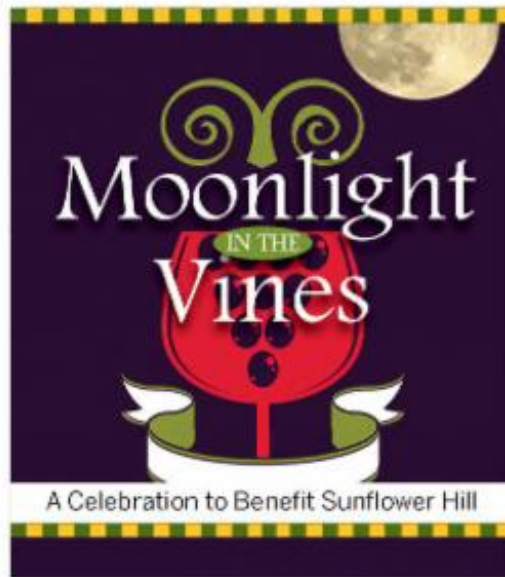
East Bay Gives is almost here! The 24-hour-online giving blitz celebrating the generosity of the Bay Area will kick off May 4 at 12 a.m.

Supporting us for East Bay Gives is simple and safe: visit our [East Bay Gives Page](#) on your laptop, desktop, or mobile device, and make your donation. **We are trying to win a \$3,000 cash prize by winning the most donors during the 6-7 p.m. hour**, so if you can put it on your calendar to donate during that hour, that would be amazing! But we so appreciate all donations throughout the day! You can also spread the word on social media using #EastBayGives. Thank you for your generosity, as we would not be where we are today without the generous spirit of our supporters!!

Moonlight in the Vines on July 29!

# Join us at Moonlight in the Vines!

A Celebration to Benefit Sunflower Hill



**Saturday**  
**July 29, 2017**  
5:00pm - 10:00pm

Wente Vineyards  
5050 Arroyo Road  
Livermore

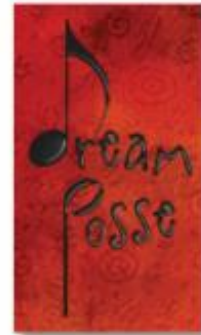
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**WENTE**  
VINEYARDS

Join us for an evening of **fun and surprises** under the stars at Wente Vineyards in Livermore. Enjoy live music with Dream Posse Band, dancing, fabulous food, award winning wines, silent auction, live auction, raffles, and much more!

All proceeds to benefit Sunflower Hill and help further our mission of creating an intentional community for individuals with special needs.



**Early bird ticket prices (until June 30) are \$125 per person and includes dinner and 2 glasses of wine or beer.**

**Table of (8) \$950. Table of (10) \$1100**

**Ticket prices increase after July 1st.**

A variety of sponsorships are available.

**Please see website for details and to purchase tickets: [www.sunflowerhill.org](http://www.sunflowerhill.org)**



A Sustainable Special Needs Community

*Sunflower Hill is an IRS recognized 501c3 non-profit organization. Tax ID# 80-0897595*

*Sponsorship opportunities available. Check our website for more details. For more information email [info@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:info@sunflowerhill.org) or call 925.231.6003*

Our annual gala, Moonlight in the Vines, is on Saturday, July 29, from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

We will be holding this exciting event at Wente Vineyards in Livermore! We are currently looking for live and silent auction items for our big event. If you have anything you would like to donate, please email [TanyaLudden@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:TanyaLudden@sunflowerhill.org).

To see all the info on sponsorships and to purchase tickets, please go to our [website](http://www.sunflowerhill.org) and we will see you on July 29!!

SFH Gardens Two Year Anniversary, Earth Day, and Plant Sale - Saturday, May 6!



## Two Year Anniversary!

April marks two years since we broke ground on our Sunflower Hill Gardens! We have made tremendous progress since we brought out the tractors and began to create our vision for a garden for special needs out of the one-acre field of weeds. Our vision has become a reality and we now have our beautiful Sunflower Hill Gardens and are running programs for special needs individuals three days a week! We are so grateful to all of the wonderful volunteer help and special ranchers that we have had in the garden.

## A Fun Earth Day and Family Workday!

Thank you to all who spent Earth Day helping us at our Spring Planting Family Workday on April 22! Everyone worked very hard together while having lots of fun! We planted several rows of our spring plants, including tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, cucumbers and more, as well as prepared several new beds for planting more plants! It was also wonderful to see several new faces at our event. We hope to see each of you again soon!

And a special thank you to Mayor of Livermore John Marchand for stopping by our garden to see us at work. We are very grateful to have this opportunity to use one acre of the city's Hagemann Ranch for our Sunflower Hill Gardens.

See our [flickr album](#) for photos of the event.

Our next Family Workday Event will be Saturday, June 3rd. You can sign up on [Eventbrite](#) or email us at [gardens@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:gardens@sunflowerhill.org). You are also welcome to come work during our regular volunteer hours every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Email us if you have any questions regarding this.



## Plant Sale at SFH Gardens on Saturday, May 6!

We will be selling the following plants:

Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Lettuce, Chives, Squash and Sunflowers.

The sale will be from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at our Gardens at Hagemann Ranch at 455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore. Don't miss out!

## CAFF Farm to School Conference - A Garden Designed for Special Needs

Lynn Monica had the opportunity to share the story about Sunflower Gardens at the [Community Alliance for Family Farmers \(CAFF\) Farm to School Conference in Modesto California](#). This was a wonderful conference of sharing, networking, and learning about programs that are working to educate children in school about growing produce and improving the quality of food that our children are eating at school. SFH Gardens is a unique "[Garden Designed for Special Needs](#)", which many were interested in learning about!

The Next Installment in our Ongoing Stories - Robbie and Andrew





The latest story in our series comes to us from Robbie Brumm (18) about his relationship with his brother, Andrew (20).

Robbie is off to college in the fall and he wrote this essay for his college applications. You can read the story [here](#).

Thank you for allowing us to share this, Robbie!

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