



# THANK YOU

*for supporting adults with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities!*

Dear Sunflower Hill Supporter,

It was such a joy to see so many of you in person at the Bankhead Theater at the Sunflower Showcase a few weeks ago! Our sincere thanks to all who attended the event either in person or virtually, and to our event sponsors for their generous support of the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill. I hope that you found the evening as magical as I did!

We appreciated and hope that you enjoyed listening to the musical talents of Paul and Jessi during the VIP reception. Thank you to Becca, Chris, Della, Jennifer, Paolo, Patrick, Peter, Robby, and Shannon who shared their artwork or poems. The range of talent and styles of art and poetry on view was gorgeous, and we were honored to have their works with us for the evening. We hope you will view each of our artists' bios in our [Event Program](#).

Thank you to Andrew and Hester from Futures Explored Film and Media Studio who introduced their honest and poignant short film, [Inclusion](#). We hope that you were inspired, as we were, by Irby Ranch Resident, Jennifer, who shared her [thoughts on living independently](#). (Turn on the closed captioning for best viewing). The event, emceed by Regina Stoops, was [full of laughter](#), and yes, a few happy tears. Regina wove the evening together with her comedic wit and storytelling. We shared many memorable moments in our [Year-in-Review](#) video. A [special performance](#) by America's Got Talent Season 14 Winner Kodi Lee, rounded out the evening. If you would like to revisit a portion of the evening - or if you were unable to attend - you can find the [entire program recording](#) on our YouTube channel.

Help Us Close the Gap!

This year has been a year of growth for Sunflower Hill. Like other organizations, we have managed the challenges of the ever-evolving pandemic while continuing to offer exceptional programs and activities. We had an ambitious goal of raising \$200,000 on the night of the event and fell short of that goal by about \$30,000. We hope that you will help us close the gap by [donating and participating in our Auction Encore](#). Please share this message with friends and family. Each gift we receive is meaningful and makes an impact! If you're inspired by what we

were able to accomplish during this last year, we hope that you will help us close the gap and continue to support our efforts to create places and places where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive. Thank you!

From all of us at Sunflower Hill, thank you for being a part of the work we do each day.

All my best,

Edie

Edie Nehls, Executive Director



## Year-in-Review Video

It's been a busy year as we welcomed residents into their new apartments at Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, program participants back to the Sunflower Hill Garden, and engaged with participants virtually via our Cooking Classes and Popcorn Chat program. Don't miss our memorable Year-in-Review video!

2021 Year-In-Review



## Showcase Auction Encore

We're excited to offer an [Auction Encore](#) with a new auction item! Help us close the gap by bidding on a staycation weekend at the Westin in Palo Alto, tickets to Las Positas College's '21-22 Season Theater Productions, a Surfer's Healing experience, a Keys Soulcare basket, and more! The [Auction Encore](#) is now open and will close on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 5:00PM PDT. Auction items can be picked up at the Sunflower Hill office in Livermore, CA on a mutually agreed day and time.



## Sunflower Showcase Photo Recap

We're grateful to Photographer, Chuck Deckert, who graciously donated his time and expertise to capture so many of the special moments at the Sunflower Showcase! [View several of his photos in our Sunflower Showcase Recap Slideshow.](#)

## Sunflower Showcase Survey

We hope you will take a few moments to share your thoughts with us! Whether you attended the Sunflower Showcase in-person, virtually, or weren't able to attend, we hope you will give us your feedback by filling out a brief survey! [Take our Survey!](#)



## Fall Garden Programs Update

We're very excited to welcome Adult Day and Adult-in-Transition Programs back to the Sunflower Hill Garden this fall! Visiting programs will have the opportunity to participate in our Hands-on Garden program being offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning in September. These programs will be more closely aligned to our traditional model of being almost completely underwritten by the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and donors like you. If you are interested in participating in our Hands-On Garden program, and are not part of an Adult Day or Adult-in-Transition program, please [email us](#).





## Fall Cooking Classes - Coming Soon

Our Cooking with Teacher Abby participants have been busy creating and learning new dishes and kitchen skills! Be on the lookout for Cooking with Teacher Abby Fall registration coming in September, with classes beginning in October. All Cooking with Teacher Abby classes will continue to be held virtually.

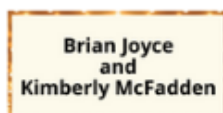
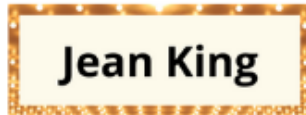
## Popcorn Chat Update

Our Popcorn Chat participants have been busy this summer, sharing their interests and passions with their peers! New Popcorn Chat programs will begin in 2022. We'll communicate program details and registration dates later this year.

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