

# Sunflower Hill



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Thank You for an Incredible 2018!



Your continued support is critical to our success!

We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and donors who have committed their talents and resources to support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill. This support has enabled Sunflower Hill to implement nurturing programs where our neurodiverse adults thrive!

2019 is an exciting year for Sunflower Hill. We will continue to grow our renowned programs and break ground on Sunflower Hill Irby Ranch! Your generous support is vital as we continue this important work. During this season of giving, we hope you will choose to support Sunflower Hill with a year-end donation!

Secure donations to Sunflower Hill can be made [here](#). Thank you and Happy Holidays!

## New Advancement Director Joins the SFH Team!



We are thrilled to share that Pamela Zielske has joined the Sunflower Hill Team as our new Advancement Director!

Pamela Zielske has over 15 years of experience working as an advocate on behalf of nonprofit organizations and vulnerable populations. She began her career as a Legal Aid attorney, representing victims of domestic violence and low-income clients in Social Security disability cases. Ms. Zielske was most recently employed as the Advocacy Manager for the California Association of Museums where she grew and oversaw the organization's robust statewide advocacy program. She is passionate about cultivating partnerships and working collaboratively with diverse teams to build coalitions and develop effective strategies.

As a dedicated volunteer, Ms. Zielske has been a board member of a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout her career. She is a founder and current board member of Friends of Joe Michell School, a nonprofit education foundation designed to serve the community and fundraising needs of a local International Baccalaureate school.

Pamela is excited to be part of the Sunflower Hill team and we hope you will join us in welcoming her!

## Huff Construction Chosen for Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch

We are pleased to announce that [Huff Construction](#) has been selected as the general contractor for Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch.

Huff Construction, based out of Modesto, considers themselves first and foremost to be builders. For more than 45 years, they have remained true to their mission of providing personalized commercial construction services built on quality, timeliness, and integrity. The ways in which they deliver their projects are diverse and customized to meet the needs of their customer base. They are committed to building commercial projects of outstanding quality and value. They call this "Huff Building Excellence."

If you are looking for an opportunity to be part of this exciting project and are interested in submitting a subcontracting bid to Huff construction, please contact Gary Huff at [GaryH@huffcon.com](mailto:GaryH@huffcon.com) or Larry Nelson at [Larry@huffcon.com](mailto:Larry@huffcon.com). Huff will be releasing their bid-package with the selected subcontractors for the project in the coming weeks.





We are very pleased to announce that Sunflower Hill will be a recipient of the [Pleasanton Weekly's](#) 2018 Holiday Fund! We are incredibly grateful to be a recipient again this year and honored to be included alongside the other valuable nonprofits that continue to do much needed work in our community. More information on how to donate to this year's PW Holiday Fund can be found [here](#) as well as in upcoming issues of the Pleasanton Weekly, and on our [Facebook Page](#).

In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Pleasanton Weekly also ran [this article](#) alerting readers to the wish lists for local nonprofits. Thank you to the PW for continuing to support Sunflower Hill and our local nonprofit colleagues in every way that they can!

### Pictures from Holiday in the SFH Gardens

Everyone had a wonderful time at Holiday in the Gardens, our last Family Workday of 2018! To view all the pictures from this fun event, please go to our [Flickr Page](#).



***Please note-***

***Sunflower Hill Gardens will be closed over the holidays on:***

Garden Closed to Programs (Classes)

Monday, December 17 - Friday, January 11

Programs will resume on Tuesday, January 15

Garden Closed to Volunteers

Saturday, December 22 - Friday, January 4

Available Volunteer hours during those weeks:

December 18, 20 & 21: 9 a.m. - Noon

January 5, 8, 10 & 11: 9 a.m. - Noon

Regular weekly volunteer hours will resume with programs on Tuesday, January 15

Thank You for Remembering Sunflower Hill When Shopping on Amazon this Holiday Season

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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 16: [Breakfast at The Stable Cafe](#)

**\*\*There is a rumor that a surprise guest in a big red suit will be there from 8-10 a.m!**

Saturday, January 19: [Make A Difference Festival](#)

Friday, July 12, 2019: Moonlight in the Vines



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