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Welcome 2015!

Happy New Year to all Sunflower Hill families and supporters! We've got some very exciting announcements, plans and programs for this year. Stay tuned - we promise to share soon! It's hard to believe that it was just three years ago that we launched Sunflower Hill. We've come a long way since then and much of it is due to the support we've received. Thank you for being a part of our 'family' and for your commitment to our vision for a sustainable special needs community!

Welcome New Board and Advisors!!

A warm welcome to four new Sunflower Hill board members - Cindy Everson, Carolyn Zalewski, Dean Clark and Cindy O'Hare and to our two new advisors, Julie Borg and Toby Trevarthen. They've added tremendous depth to our organization and will be on hand to assist with our new 2015 programs and activities. Read more about our new board members' backgrounds [here](#) and our new advisors' backgrounds [here](#).

Special Needs Symposium - Are you registered?

Sunflower Hill's 2nd Annual Special Needs Planning Symposium

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015 9AM-1PM
(Note Sign-in begins at 8:30 am)

Las Positas College, Building 2400, Room 2420
3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551

Sunflower Hill invites you to a presentation by Jim Huyck, Public Benefits Consultant, Kevin Urbatsch Esq., Principal with Myers Urbatsch, and Jon Elfin, Financial Planner with Sojemark Consulting, on how to protect the public benefits your special needs child receives.

Understand the role of public benefits and the differences among them including:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security (SS)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Medi-Cal
- Medicare
- In Home Support Services (IHSS)

KEY TOPICS

TO BE COVERED:

Planning for your child's financial security, personal security and quality of life:

- Making decisions about Limited Conservatorship
- Using estate planning to protect assets
- Differences between Special Needs Trusts (First or Third Party)
- How to create a trust and preserve eligibility for SSI/Medi-Cal
- Understand how the new Affordable Health Care Act will affect loved ones with special needs
- How to determine the savings your special needs child will need
- Strategies to help fund your Special Needs Trust

SPEAKERS



Jim Huyck

Jim has a background in Special Needs services spanning over 30 years, including Executive Director of Alta Regional Center, Associate Dean of Special Education and Special Needs Trust administration.



Kevin Urbatsch

Kevin is the National Director of the Academy of Special Needs Planners (ASNP), a national organization of special needs planning professionals. His law practice is devoted to the unique planning needs of persons with disabilities.



Jonathan Elfin

Jon has more than 30 years of experience in financial services. For the past 12 years, he has been helping families with Special Needs, dispensing wisdom and execute strategies to help grow and protect their assets.

REGISTRATION
Early Bird Registration (NOW - Jan 20): \$65 per person/\$100 per couple
Late Registration (Jan 21 - Jan 30): \$75 per person/\$120 per couple



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The link to register for this is: <http://sunflowerhill.org/events/specialneedsplanningsymposium/>

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Got cards?

A special shout out to [Milfleur](#) at 728 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton for selling Sunflower Hill greeting cards! Our first batch has sold out and we're quickly delivering reinforcements. Please support this local Pleasanton business as they support our cause! And by the way -- Sunflower Hill seeds are on their way - just in time for the spring planting season. Check our [website](#) for more details.

12 Pack Note Card Offer!

Sunflower Hill Note Cards

Buy note cards and support Sunflower Hill! A package of 12 is only \$20.00.

Members of the Sunflower Hill community created this unique note card collection. You may purchase these cards on the website @ sunflowerhill.org or from a Sunflower Hill supporter.

Support Sunflower Hill!

Special thank you to Cindy & Partners for helping to create the note cards packs.

Sunflower Hill seeks to change the paradigm of both institutional and home living options by creating an intentional community that supports a sustainable, productive, warm and happy quality of life.

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Did You Know?

Sunflower Hill is a member of the [Coalition for Community Choice](#) - a nationwide grassroots advocacy association that works to ensure our children can make their own choices as to their long-term living options. Whether the choice for residential living is an intentional community, a parental home, a group home, an independent apartment or home, we know that ALL are needed. The proposed federal CMS regulations want to 'define' where our children should/can live. The Coalition is working to ensure that our voice is heard in this discussion. Please lend your support!



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