



Sunflower Hill

October 23, 2020

6:00PM - 7:30PM

LIVE on YouTube

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Hello Sunflower Hill Friends & Supporters,

Thank you for sharing this exceptional evening with us! As I reflect on all that has transpired in 2020, five words come to mind: **Transformation. Resilience. Growth. Teamwork. Hope.**

Transformation - We stepped into 2020, excited for a year of firsts and growth, never anticipating the swift and dramatic changes we would need to make due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, our team quickly transformed its entire operations and programs so that we could continue to serve our program participants by offering free, virtual programs online. We now have an incredible repository of over 113 free activity videos that have been viewed over 4,400 times!

Resilience - Our team, comprised of staff, Board Members and volunteers, persevered through strategic and necessary budget cuts made in late Spring as we scaled back our in-person programming. Pivoting quickly, our programs team focused on creating exceptional, online curriculum to continue to engage with our program participants, as well as increasing the amount of organic produce we donate to our nonprofit partners. Since mid-March, our team has harvested and donated over 4,000 pounds of produce to our partners at Culinary Angels, Tri-Valley Haven, Shepherd's Gate and Sutton Girls Farmer's Market.

Growth - I am incredibly proud of the unique programs and activities we are currently offering. Following CDC and Alameda County Public Health Department guidelines, we have welcomed small cohort groups back to the garden, providing personalized learning for our program participants. We're also offering live, virtual cooking classes with Teacher Abby, and a life-skills virtual class with Teacher Becca called Popcorn Chats. In addition, we're continuing our free Online Activities three times a week. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch programs have begun with Residential Programs Manager, Pratima Kaur, hosting virtual Motivational Mondays and Wednesday Lunchtime Chats.

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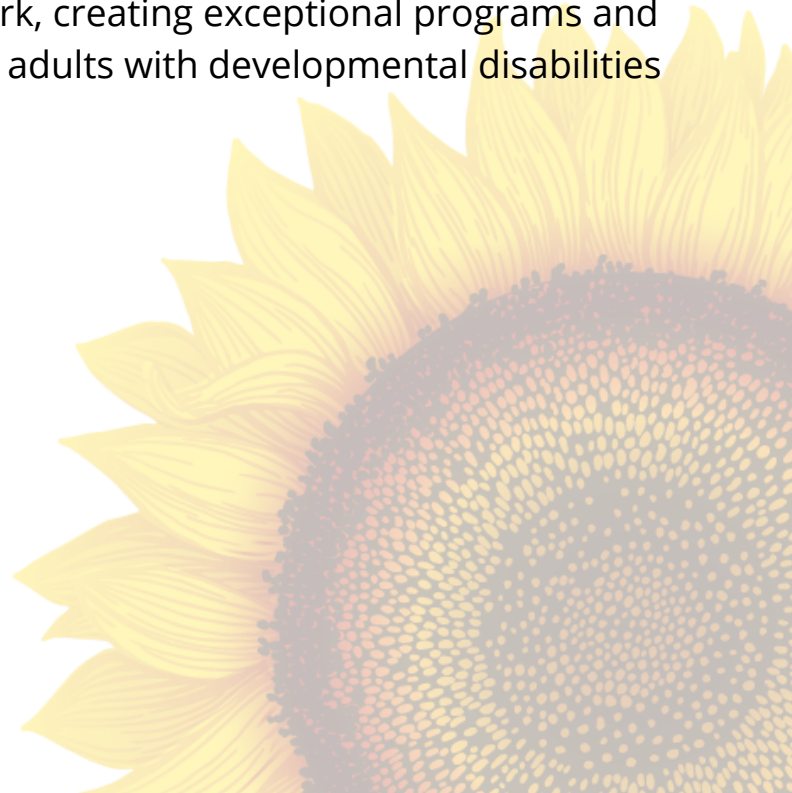
Teamwork - We are fortunate to have incredible partners, volunteers, and supporters. We're thankful to our team of longtime, seasoned volunteers who have been willing to modify and adapt how they work with us to follow Covid restrictions. Their 'can-do' spirit in the Sunflower Hill Garden enables us to continue providing engaging programs and donating produce. We are incredibly fortunate to call you, our community of supporters, part of the Sunflower Hill Team. Your encouragement, engagement, and support has buoyed our spirits this year, and we are very thankful for your continued goodwill and support.

Hope - At the core of everything we do lies the goal of creating places and spaces where adults with developmental disabilities thrive. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, our first independent-living residential community for people with developmental disabilities is just the beginning. The Sunflower Hill Board of Directors has committed to developing our next community and we are actively pursuing opportunities. We hope to share news of our next community with you in 2021.

With each step we take forward as an organization we hope that we will positively impact the people we serve and their families. We thank each of you for your generous and sincere enthusiasm for the work we do at Sunflower Hill. Thank you for being a part of the Sunflower Hill Team. Your commitment ensures that we are able to continue on with this important work, creating exceptional programs and developing residential communities where adults with developmental disabilities thrive.

Sincerely,

Edie Nehls
Sunflower Hill Executive Director



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:00PM
Welcome

Purchased a ticket with a meal option? Time to put your meal in the oven!

6:12PM
First Raffle Winner Announced

6:15PM
Chalk Art Contest Grand Prize Winner Announced

6:30PM
Sunflower Hill Programs in 2020 Video

6:40PM
Second Raffle Winner Announced

Grab something fizzy and get ready for the toast!

6:45PM
Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch Toast, Virtual Tour and Video

7:00PM
Fund-A-Need
Support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill with a 100% tax-deductible donation

7:10PM
Kodi Lee Pre-Recorded Performance

7:25PM
Final Raffle Winner Announced

7:30PM
Program Concludes
Thank you for joining us!



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Celebrity Emcee

Regina Stoops, Comedian

Musical Performance

*Kodi Lee, Season 14 Winner of
America's Got Talent*

Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch Toast

Susan Houghton, Founder

Fund-a-Need

Damon Casatico, Auctioneer



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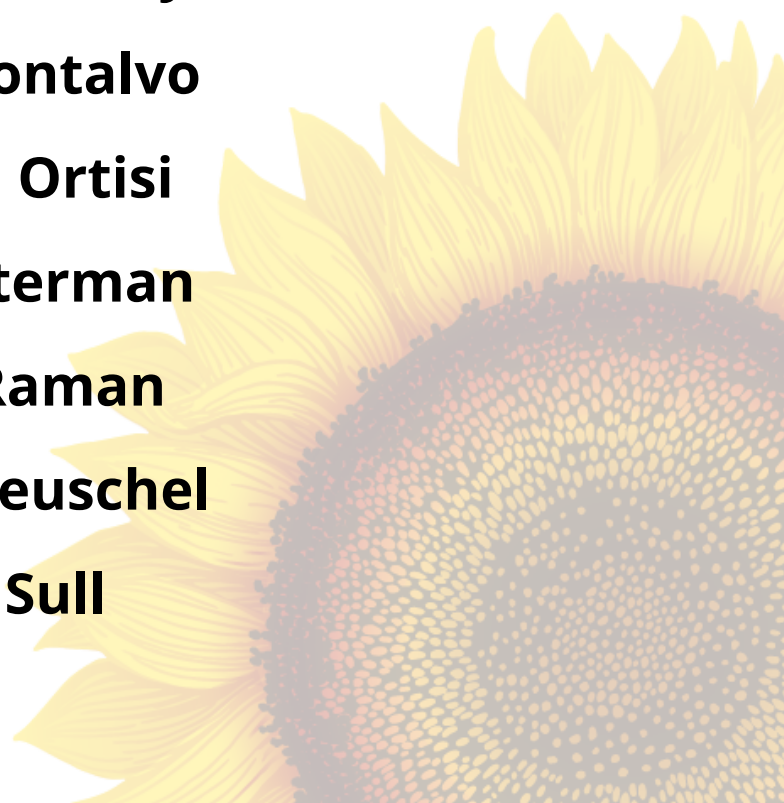
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AUCTION INFORMATION

Thank You For Bidding Generously!

Check Out Information

Auction winners are required to make payment the night of the event. You have the choice of checking yourself out using your credit card on file with GiveSmart, or you may enter another credit card. Once the Auction has closed, Sunflower Hill will process the winning bidders' credit card, and winners will receive an email with their receipt. Please bring your receipt with you when picking your winnings.

Pick Up Information

We will host a contactless item drive-thru pick-up the week of October 26, 2020 at the Sunflower Hill Office. If you need to make alternative delivery arrangements, please contact Pamela Zielske at pamela@sunflowerhill.org or 925-800-1042.

Pick Up Times

October 26 from 1:00PM - 3:00PM

October 27 from 4:00PM - 6:00PM

October 28 from 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Pick Up Location

3278 Constitution Drive
Building 16
Livermore, CA 94551

Pick Up Directions

Please remain in your vehicle, and a Sunflower Hill staff member will load items directly into your car. Masks are required.



ENTERTAINMENT



Regina Stoops

Celebrity Emcee & Comedian

Comedian, award winning storyteller and writer Regina Stoops takes her audience on an entertaining journey through a life filled with so many causes she has run out of room on her car's bumper. Her thought provoking honesty and humor are the perfect foil for a life of adversity, diversity and suburban chaos.

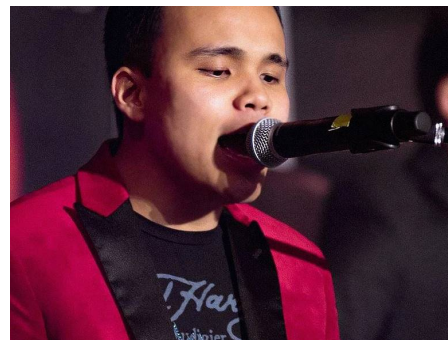
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Kodi Lee

Season 14 Winner, America's Got Talent

Kodi, who is 24, was born with optic nerve hypoplasia, causing him to become legally blind. He was also diagnosed with autism at an early age. As a musical prodigious savant, Kodi is one of the most unique and special musicians you will ever see and hear!

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Damon Casatico

Auctioneer

Damon founded Charity Benefit Auctions in 1993. While Damon gets a lot of attention for his night of auction performances, it's his time spent with clients that he credits most for his success. It is Damon's belief that, "if you don't know who you are raising the money for and how it will be spent, then you aren't going to be very compelling."

*Thank you for joining us this evening
to celebrate the opening of
Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch!*

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