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East Bay Gives is Tomorrow!

East Bay Gives is **tomorrow, May 5th**, where 360 local nonprofit organizations, and hundreds of donors, all get together to help fund these organizations' vital work in our communities. It is truly a time to give where you live for 24 hours, to benefit our local nonprofits!

[East Bay Community Foundation](#) gives out hourly prizes to the participating nonprofits. ***We are trying to win the prize for most unique donors (most donations) during the 9-10:00 a.m. hour!*** We were in the top 10 last year for most unique donors! We certainly appreciate any donations made to Sunflower Hill during this 24-hour online giving day, but if you are planning to donate, we would be thrilled if you can during the 9-10:00 a.m. hour.

East Bay Gives operates for one 24-hour period only, beginning at midnight (12:01 a.m.) on May 5, 2015 and ending at midnight (11:59 p.m.) on May 5, 2015. The minimum donation accepted is \$20.00. There is no upper limit, and you may donate as many times as you wish. To be counted as part of East Bay Gives, donations must be credit card transactions through this website.

Donations to Sunflower Hill during East Bay Gives can be made [here](#). They are tax deductible and non-refundable.

Thank you for your support of our vision to create a sustainable residential community for special needs adults!



What a Great Month!!

April 2015 will certainly go down in history as a great month for Sunflower Hill! Not only did we launch our new Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore (*see related story below*) but we filed our paperwork for our first community - [Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch](#) as part of a new planned community by [Concentric Development](#).

We also held two successful events (*additional related story below!*) that helped to spread the word on our organization.

Our proposed residential community in Pleasanton would be the first intentional special needs community in the Tri-Valley and one of the first in Northern California. The response and support for our plans has been overwhelming! We are thrilled to be able to preserve a part of Pleasanton's history by restoring two barns on site. In addition, we're turning a home onsite into a headquarters for Sunflower Hill. It will also provide space for an on-site property manager. [Floor plans](#) and [FAQs](#) have just been posted. Please stay tuned - as we plan to post updates monthly!

Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch Family Workday May 16th!



We are proud to announce the launch of [Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch](#), a historic five acre parcel in Livermore that is the last remaining remnant of the original Rancho el Valle de San Jose land grant. On April 27, the Livermore City Council approved the Sunflower Hill contract to provide gardening, educational and vocational training services and programs for individuals with special needs. SFH will be operating a one acre area of the Hagemann Ranch. We

have broken ground, prepared the soil, and have begun to plant vegetables, berries, and other plants. But there is much more to do!

So please join us for our first SFH Community/Family Workday on May 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Hagemann Ranch (455 Olivina Avenue, Livermore). We will be painting planter boxes, planting plants, and enjoying the beautiful gardens and ranch. Lite snacks and beverages provided. This event is free and is open to all families with individuals with special needs.

For more information, see the event [webpage](#).

If you are interested in attending, please email us at info@sunflowerhill.org.

We will also be holding regular Volunteer Workdays, which we will post soon on our web and Facebook pages. So we hope to see you out there soon!



Corey's Story



Several times a year we post "Stories" on our [Webpage](#) and [Facebook Page](#) about families in our Sunflower Hill community. This month's story is about the Messenger Family and their special son Corey. You can read their story [here](#).

Save the Date for a Night of Laughs!

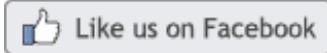
Mark your calendars for some side splitting laughter at SFH's first comedy night at Tommy T's in Pleasanton on Wednesday, May 20. Pleasanton's own Funny Mom [Regina Stoops](#) will be opening our show with her hilarious observations on life as an Autism mom. Doors open at 6:30, the show begins at 7:30 and tickets are available on the SFH [website](#). Be sure to join us for some food, drinks, raffles and lots of laughs!

Big Thank You's to Milfleur, Swirl on the Square and The Ruckus Band!

A warm and sunny Sunflower Hill Thank You to [Milfleur](#) in Pleasanton for hosting a very successful Sunflower Hill Shopping Day on April 18. Sunflower Hill supporters from near and far stopped by to talk about SFH developments and shop for gifts and accessories at the fabulous Milfleur boutique. Owner Terri Carlson generously donated 20% of all her sales proceeds to SFH which combined with the donations from many generous supporters who stopped by our tent that day amounted to more than \$1,400!!! Thanks to all who came by and to Terri and the Milfleur staff who continue to enthusiastically support our mission!

Thank You!

HUGE thanks to Rocco and [Swirl on the Square](#) for donating their space and a portion of the day's proceeds to us on Sunday, April 26. They also donated 50% of all of their One Hope wine tasting fees for the month of April! In addition, we would like to thank [The Ruckus Band](#) for donating their time and playing some great tunes all afternoon at our event! We had a beautiful, sunny day with great wine, delicious food and an awesome band to entertain us. A big thank you to all of the SFH supporters who came out and enjoyed the day with us!



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