



Sunflower Hill

Sunflower Hill Newsletter

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A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING SUNFLOWER HILL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Performance by Kodi Lee

Emcee, Regina Stoops

Dear Sunflower Hill Supporter,

Are you dreaming of spending time with friends and loved ones this summer? We are, and can't wait to spend time with you at the Sunflower Showcase!

All of us at Sunflower Hill are busy preparing for our annual fundraising gala, the [Sunflower Showcase](#), which will be held at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Friday, July 23, 2021. This premier, visual and performing arts event will be held in-person* with a virtual option and will be unlike any fundraising gala we've had in the past! The evening will be emceed by local comedian, [Regina Stoops](#) and will feature a live, on-stage performance by [Kodi Lee](#), America's Got Talent Season 14 winner. Choose the **VIP Experience** and mix and mingle while enjoying a VIP-only reception with tray-passed hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and showcasing works of art, poetry, and other pieces by talented, local adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. VIP tickets also feature seating located at the front of the theater and near the stage. All in-person tickets include a complimentary beverage, Year-in-Review video highlighting the impact of your support, live and silent auctions, raffles, and games!

Tickets On Sale Now!

We're also offering a variety of Sunflower Showcase [sponsorship packages](#) that offer unique recognition opportunities, including video ads during the event, digital ads outside the Bankhead Theater, VIP tickets, and more. [Contact us](#) for details or to customize your own package. Thank you to our [early sponsors!](#)

We hope that you will don your favorite Wine Country Casual attire and join us for a night showcasing and supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities! Funds raised support the mission and vision of Sunflower Hill.

As we transition to our new normal, we hope you all remain happy and healthy!

All my best,

Edie

Edie Nehls, Executive Director

*All CDC, federal, state, and local COVID-related restrictions, guidelines, and safety measures will be followed.



**Summer Produce!
On Sale June 22, 2021
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Summer Produce For Sale - Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that we'll once again have summer produce available for sale at the Sunflower Hill Garden! Each Produce Box will contain two bunches of greens, a bunch of root vegetables (carrots, beets, bunching onion, or radish), two bunches of herbs (dill, cilantro, parsley, oregano, thyme, rosemary), one-to-three seasonal offerings (green beans, cucumber, tomato, sweet peppers, eggplant, and/or fruit), and a flower bouquet. Produce Boxes will be available for pickup at the Sunflower Hill Garden each Tuesday, beginning July 6, 2021, and will be available for purchase on our website beginning June 22, 2021. For more details, [check our website](#).



Irby Ranch Resident Spotlight on Jennifer

Don't miss this month's Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch [Resident Spotlight on Jennifer](#), who shares what living independently means to her, her favorite activities, and her plans for 2021! A self-described social



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butterfly, Jennifer's thoughtful, kind, and humorous personality has garnered her many new friends since moving into Irby Ranch in September last year. Don't miss Jennifer's story and our other blog articles, which feature [resident reviews](#), [motivational activities](#), [adaptive cooking tips](#), [adaptive gardening tips](#), and more!

residents and program participants, as well as an exclusive annual breakfast at Irby Ranch*. Become a Sunflower Partner and know that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities will continue to have access to life skills and enrichment programming as well as independent residential communities because of your generosity!

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East Bay Community Energy Grant

We're thankful to East Bay Community Energy ([EBCE](#)), for recently [awarding Sunflower Hill with a \\$1,250 grant](#) to help support residential and non-residential cooking programs. Sunflower Hill offers virtual, non-residential cooking classes that are designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as residential cooking classes for [Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch](#) residents who opt into the Meal Plan. Thank you, EBCE for your continued generosity!

Group Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for an unique activity for your community or corporate group? Volunteer in the Sunflower Hill Garden! Group Volunteers will enjoy working together to improve and maintain a healthy and active growing garden, positively impacting our program participant interaction with the space as well as boosting our local donation efforts. No tools or experience required! Visit our website for upcoming [Group Volunteer available dates](#) and to reserve your spot!



Produce Donations To Those In Need

We're thrilled to have program participants and volunteers back in the Sunflower Hill Garden, planting, harvesting and helping prepare our produce donations. We are committed to providing fresh, organic produce to local nonprofits who serve those facing food insecurity in our community. With over 1,000 pounds of produce donated this year to organizations like [Culinary Angels](#), [Shepherd's Gate](#), and [Tri-Valley Haven](#), the Sunflower Hill Garden continues to be a space that gives back to the community. We're thankful to be stewards of this land and offer support to our community.

San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation Grant

We recently received a \$1,000 [San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation](#) grant, which will be used to help support the Sunflower Hill Garden Program. Specifically, the grant will be used to purchase tools, materials, and supplies to support the organization's in-person Hands-On Garden Groups program, which provides opportunities for individuals of all abilities to participate in day-to-day garden tasks. The grant will also help support produce donation efforts and the overall operational maintenance of the Sunflower Hill Garden. Thank you, San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Foundation for supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities!



Program participant and caregiver enjoying a garden snack.

Summer Programs Kick Off In June

Next month kicks off our Summer Programs! We'll be welcoming new participants into the Sunflower Hill Garden and online for our virtual, themed [Cooking With Teacher Abby](#) classes. There are still a few spots open in our [Hands-On Garden Groups](#) - come enjoy a summer morning in the Garden! Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) so you don't miss any of the memorable pictures we post of our program participants in action.

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