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### PYP's Raise Money to Equip Irby Ranch Maker's Space



#### Thank you, Pleasanton Young Professionals!

The [Pleasanton Young Professionals](http://Pleasanton Young Professionals) (PYP), part of the [Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce](http://Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce), held their 3rd annual Charity on Tap last month, and we were honored to be the beneficiary this year! In the weeks leading up to the event, Sunflower Hill was also honored to be the beneficiary of [Porky's Pizza Palace](http://Porky's Pizza Palace) Gives Back event. Through the combined efforts of these two events the PYPs exceeded their fundraising goal and **raised \$12,600**, which will be donated to equip the Maker's Space at Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch. "The PYPs generosity will result in a diverse space where adults with developmental disabilities can create, learn, and thrive! We are very grateful to this dynamic group of young professionals for their enthusiasm for our mission and vision," stated SFH Executive Director, Edie Nehls.

To learn more about ways to donate in support of Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch, please contact us at [info@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:info@sunflowerhill.org).

### Volunteers Make an Impact at Sunflower Hill Gardens

#### Spectacular New Picnic Tables!

Thank you to the [Rotary Club of Livermore](http://Rotary Club of Livermore) lunch club for building two beautiful picnic tables for Sunflower Hill Gardens! Founded in 1947, the Rotary Club of Livermore sponsors an Interact youth service club at Granada High School and gives more than \$16,000 in grants to local organizations and schools in our community. The new picnic tables will be enjoyed by our Garden volunteers and Ranchers for years to come!



#### Beautiful, New Raised Beds!

A special thanks to the hard-working volunteers from the [Danville Rotary Club](http://Danville Rotary Club) and Interact Club who built, installed, and filled three beautiful raised beds for the Gardens! Founded in 1954, the Danville Rotary Club supports local



youth organizations, and community improvement projects, promoting literacy and wellness, and helping to eradicate polio, provide clean water and eliminate poverty throughout the world. The new, raised beds have already been put to use and produced many pounds of mouth-watering produce this summer!

Thank you to all the volunteers who work in the Garden each week and help with our programs. We greatly appreciate your generosity!



## Community Events at Sunflower Hill Gardens

### Sip & Paint in the Gardens!

It was a gorgeous, fall afternoon at the Sunflower Hill Gardens during our Sip & Paint event last weekend. Led by Sunflower Hill Board Member and Gardens Founder, Lynn Monica and our own Master Gardener and Gourd Guru, Pam Eckert, attendees created and painted unique designs on their gourds, while sipping local wines and nibbling on appetizers. The [results](#) were both diverse and beautiful! If you're interested in learning more about our future Sip & Paint events, contact us at [events@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:events@sunflowerhill.org).



### Join Us for Our Fall Garden Festival!

Don't miss our Fall Garden Festival on **October 26 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch. Join us for hayrides, garden tours, facing painting, cooking demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, yoga for all abilities, crafts, games, and more! [Register for this FREE event today!](#)

## Get Involved!



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### Maximize Your Giving Impact!

CHEF, the Community Health & Education Foundation, is an organization that serves the Tri-Valley by providing resources and opportunities for local non-profits to foster a community of giving. On the 1st day of each month, CHEF will match \$1 for every \$2 donated to local non-profits like Sunflower Hill.

CHEF's goal is to generate \$60,000 of monthly giving in the Tri-Valley. Funds typically are met within hours of being opened - so visit the [CHEF website](#) (be sure to select Sunflower Hill) early on the 1st day of each month.

### Sip N' Shop

Get a jump start on your holiday gift shopping by attending [Sip N' Shop](#) at [Rubino Estates Winery](#), November 2 & 3 from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm. Various local vendors will be showcasing their newest holiday goodies and donating a raffle item to benefit Sunflower Hill!

### Giving Tuesday!

Sunflower Hill is excited to participate in #GivingTuesday, the internationally recognized day of charitable giving, on December 3, 2019. We have an ambitious goal of raising **\$24,000 in 24 hours!** As we prepare for the day, we would love to hear from YOU - email us at [events@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:events@sunflowerhill.org) to let us know **What Inspires You to Give to Sunflower Hill?** Then check our website and stay tuned for more Sunflower Hill #GivingTuesday details as we get closer to December 3rd! We look forward to you being part of making our goal a reality!

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## Community Happenings



### Building a Successful Business

For years, Siri Chettipally's parents struggled to help their daughter, who is autistic, find a place in the world. Then, when Siri was 22 years old, they discovered she had a unique talent and passion for making beautiful jewelry. Now, Siri sells her jewelry creations online at [Designs By Siri](#). She and her family are raising money to film a documentary with the hope of sharing their vision of providing a meaningful and productive life for people with autism. "My Name is Siri", will be a documentary focused on spreading the word that "people with autism are talented and are capable of producing high-quality goods, given the right environment of training, encouragement, and support."



### Autism CARES Act Signed by President

The President has approved measure H.R. 1058, the Autism Collaboration Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act (Autism CARES Act of 2019). The measure authorizes \$369 million in annual spending over the course of the next five years, and renews the existing legislation, which was set to expire on September 30, 2019. You can read more about this important legislation [here](#).

### Upcoming Conference on Adults with Autism/Developmental Disabilities

Registration is open for the [2019 Bay Area Adult Autism/DD Conference](#) in Palo Alto, CA. The annual all-day conference is aimed at the pragmatic informational needs of parents, caregivers and professionals who have the responsibility to support and help make plans for teens and adults with autism or related developmental disabilities.

### Upcoming Events

October 13: Breakfast at the [Stable Cafe](#)

October 26: [Fall Garden Festival](#)

November 1: [CHEF Giving](#)

November 2 & 3: [Sip N' Shop at Rubino Estates Winery](#)

December 3: Giving Tuesday (Details Coming Soon!)



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