



June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Sunflower Hill Friends,

[Roll Out the Red Carpet Gala](#) tickets are selling quickly!

Join us on **Saturday, October 3** at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton for Sunflower Hill's annual gala. Walk the red carpet, pose for paparazzi photos, and enjoy exclusive interviews with NBC Bay Area Meteorologist **Kari Hall**. Celebrate, connect, and make a lasting impact while supporting Sunflower Hill's programs and residential communities. Don't miss this unforgettable evening - **Tickets WILL sell out!**



Buy Gala Tickets!

[Garden Explorers Summer Camp](#)



Our first session of **Garden Explorers Summer Camp** was an absolute blast — the participants dove into hands-on gardening, got creative with nature-inspired crafts, whipped up simple outdoor-friendly recipes, and stayed active with movement-based games and exercises. We can't wait to welcome new and returning participants for our second session in July.

Our special day camp is designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), ages 13 and up.

Monday-Friday, July 13-17

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sunflower Hill Garden
455 Olivina Ave, Livermore

Last day to register is Sunday, July 5.

Regional Center of the East Bay clients welcome.

Register for Camp Today!

Community Gratitude



Our heartfelt thanks go out to the incredible partners who continue to uplift Sunflower Hill and strengthen the programs that serve our community.

Gable Heart Beats Foundation — Thank you for your generous donation of an AED to the Sunflower Hill Garden. Your gift enhances the safety and well-being of everyone who

enjoys this special space.

Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley — We are deeply grateful for your support of our garden program, food delivery services, Farmers Market, and the expansion of The Sunflower Club through the new Irby Ranch pilot program. Your partnership creates meaningful opportunities and enriches the lives of the individuals we serve.

Rotarian Foundation of Livermore — Thank you for funding lighting, misters, and all-weather enhancements for our two new shade structures. Your investment helps create a more comfortable, accessible, and welcoming outdoor environment for individuals and families year-round.

Dublin San Ramon Women's Club — We appreciate your generous support of first-aid supplies for our Summer Camp program. Your contribution helps ensure a safe, fun, and memorable experience for every participant.

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley — A huge thank-you for your generous grant toward an AED and first-aid supplies. Your commitment to service strengthens our ability to care for our community, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

Garden News



Zucchini harvests are underway, and the cherry tomatoes have begun to set fruit. Our chickens are producing dozens of eggs each week, and our flower bouquets have been especially abundant and beautiful. Many thanks to our May corporate volunteer groups—

Armanino, Haskell, Zenith, and Summit Financial—who helped weed, harvest, transplant, and clean up the garden in preparation for our summer camp.

Set Up a Corporate Volunteer Day

Community Member Spotlight

A blue graphic with white and yellow text. The main title 'COMMUNITY MEMBER Spotlight' is at the top. Below it, 'ANNIE & REED TURNER' is written in large yellow letters. A white rounded rectangle contains the text 'Programs Lead / Volunteer Team'. On the right, a circular photo shows a man in a Superman costume and a woman in a red shirt and black jacket, both wearing race bibs with the number 202.

Annie and Reed began volunteering with Sunflower Hill eight years ago. Annie first heard about the organization from a friend, which sparked her interest and inspired both of them to get involved.

Their love and passion for the I/DD community—and their appreciation for everything Sunflower Hill offers—quickly drew them in. Together, they volunteered at the annual gala, in the garden, and with various programs at Irby Ranch. In the summer of last year, Annie was thrilled to join the Sunflower Hill staff, where she now serves as the Programs Lead.

As Programs Manager Olivia begins her maternity leave in June, Annie will be stepping in to lead activities such as cooking, Friday Night Live, the fall garden programs, and more. She will also manage administrative responsibilities, including the calendar process, emails, phone calls, and supporting onsite partner agencies as needed. In addition, she will co-lead the summer garden camps. Annie will be at Irby Ranch every afternoon—either in the office or facilitating an activity—and she welcomes everyone to stop by and introduce themselves.

Annie and Reed truly love spending time with the participants and getting to know them better. Their smiles and excitement bring Annie and Reed tremendous joy. They feel a deep sense of purpose at these events and are grateful to be part of such a meaningful community. Supporting and advocating for individuals with special needs is a shared passion for both of them, and they are always drawn to opportunities to connect and serve.



BOARD GAME NIGHTS

with Roll for Inclusion

ENJOY A FUN & INCLUSIVE EVENING OF GAMES, CONNECTION & COMMUNITY!

Each event is facilitated by Roll for Inclusion, a team led by an occupational therapist and BCBA special educator, who creates engaging, accessible game experiences that support social skills and meaningful interaction. Nellie Sanandaji, BCBA will be joining us to facilitate interaction, independence, social skills, and meaningful life experiences.

DATES

- Friday, May 22
- Friday, July 10
- Wednesday, June 17
- Friday, August 14

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
 Location: Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch Community Room
 3701 Nevada Street, Pleasanton

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.
 Dinner will not be served.

FREE!
 Made possible by a generous grant from Stanford Healthcare Tri-Valley!

Roll For Inclusion Board Game Cafe

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REGISTER AT:
sunflowerhill.org/programs/irby-ranch
Ages 14+ and all abilities welcome!
 Please note: Participants who require support must attend with their own support staff.

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 Stanford MEDICINE Health Care Tri-Valley

- Father's Day Craft with Adama**
 Join us on **Thursday, June 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM**, as we create thoughtful handmade gifts to celebrate dads or any other special people in our lives.
- Learning with Sunflower Hill: Dine Out / Restaurant Etiquette**
 Join us on **Tuesday, June 23 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM** for a fun and interactive learning event focused on dining out skills and basic etiquette.
- Sunflower Hill Board Game Night with Roll for Inclusion**
 Join us for a **FREE** board game night at Sunflower Hill Irby Ranch, led by Roll for Inclusion and made possible by a grant from **Stanford Health Care Tri-Valley**.

Participants **ages 14+ of all abilities, neurodiverse and neurotypical**, are welcome to join!

Our next event will take place on **Wednesday, June 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**, with additional board game nights happening monthly through August. Enjoy a variety of adapted board games in a fun and inclusive environment. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Sign up for this event and future Roll for Inclusion board game nights [HERE](#).

Register for Irby Ranch Activities

Donate to Sunflower Hill