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## MAGIC AT FROST VALLEY (From Pg. 1)

Among the guest speakers were Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Assemblywoman Aileen Guenther.

The Guenther Family Wellness Center brings Frost Valley into a new era, enabling the year-round camp and retreat center to increase its ability to serve children and families with special needs.



Assemblywoman Aileen Guenther among speakers.

For over thirty years, Frost Valley has hosted children with chronic kidney disease in a program made possible through a partnership with Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, and the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation a nonprofit group founded by Ira and Eva Gottscho after their daughter Ruth's death from renal failure in 1960 based in Short Hills, New Jersey. Eva Gottscho, mother of Ruth Gottscho acknowledged all of those who made this vision a reality that will allow children with dis-



Jerry Huncosky listens along with the audience to Eva Gottscho as she speaks from her heart about this great accomplishment.

for eight weeks, creating an opportunity unique in the nation for children with kidney disease to be mainstreamed with well camp cabin mates "just like regular kids."

The children attend the Wellness Center daily for check-ups, medication and a range of dialysis treatments while spending as much time in traditional activities like games, camp fires, arts and crafts, boating and even overnight (Next Col.) hiking trips. From September to June, Guenther Family Wellness Center will serve as the health hub for thousands of school children attending the camp for week-long outdoor education trips and families and groups on retreat weekends.

See Frost Valley campers in the Dialysis Program as they appeared on WCBS-TV in July at this link:

This summer 38 children received kidney dialysis during summer camp at Frost Valley including the first to be treated in the new facility. Doctors and nurses moved to the remote camp in the heart of the Catskill Forest Preserve

## MAGIC AT FROST VALLEY MAKES DREAMS COME TRUE



Jerry Huncosky, YMCA CEO, Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Chair, Paul Guenther Saturday's Guenther Family Wellness Center dedication.

The overcast sky gave way as the dedication ceremony of the Guenther Family Wellness Center began this past Saturday morning at Frost Valley YMCA Camp. A tour of the facility began at 10:00 am followed by a ceremony and cutting of the ribbon by the Guenther family. (Contd. Pg. 8)