



# GOTTSCHO 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

September 21, 2024 • 10 am – 3 pm  
Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY



# GOTTSCHO 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION PROGRAM

**11:00 am** ..... **Welcome:** Riel Peerbooms

**Opening & History:** Judy Gottscho Eichinger

**11:20 am** ..... **Video Tribute**

**11:30 am** ..... **Speaker:** Dr. Bill Primack

**12:00 pm** ..... **Speaker:** Paul Guenther

**12:15 pm** ..... **Speaker:** Carolyn Shelburne and Al Filreis

**12:30 pm** ..... **Lunch**

**1:20 pm** ..... **Speaker:** Kidney Camp Alumni Speakers

**1:30 pm** ..... **Honorees and Awards**

**Honorees:** Rick Kaskel MD/PhD  
Maya Doyle, MSW/PhD  
Richard A Gottscho, PhD

**Corporate Honoree:** Fresenius

**3:00 pm** ..... **Mission Moment**

**3:15 pm** ..... **Social Gathering and Closing**

ON THE COVER: Artwork by Kidney Camp Alumni, Shanice Figeroux



**In 1975, Frost Valley YMCA, in partnership with The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation and the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, established the nation’s first mainstream camp experience for children with kidney disease. Over 50 years later, Frost Valley has welcomed more than 2,000 kidney campers. Each child has the traditional sleep-away camp experience for 12 days, in villages with same-age peers, while gaining confidence and independence in what may be their first time away from home. Campers meet other children with medical problems like theirs and share their story with their counselors and cabinmates. They learn new skills and improve techniques for managing and coping with their medical condition. Parents are able to see their child make friends, gain independence, and have fun. Kidney campers are free to just be kids! Some former kidney campers have gone on to become successful professionals in their respective fields and serve as models for the experience.**



## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

### A History of Helping Others

As a child, Ruth Gottscho always wanted to attend summer camp, but she never had the chance. Ruth, born in 1945, was diagnosed with kidney disease at a very young age, before life-saving dialysis treatments were available. So every summer, when her childhood friends gleefully boarded buses or were driven to camp, Ruth stayed behind, wishing there was a way she could join them.

Her loving parents, Eva and Ira — who met at a summer camp — sought to find a cure for their daughter over the years. Some treatments worked, others were less effective, but they continued searching for the best way to ease their daughter's illness. In 1960, however, Ruth passed away at the young age of 15.

Although they grieved for their daughter, Eva and Ira saw an opportunity to help other families who were still going through the same struggles that their family endured throughout Ruth's childhood. That same year, the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation was born.

The organization began as a way to help kidney patients find and afford treatments. After health insurance policies were developed and became available to people with kidney disease, the organization's focus switched gears. Its goal became to help children with kidney disorders attend summer camp, making Ruth's dreams come true for other children. Frost Valley YMCA saw Kidney Camp as a great opportunity for children and families and was excited to host such a necessary program.

In 1975, Frost Valley's dialysis center opened, with the help of the foundation, equipment donations from dialysis machine manufacturers, and caring staff from the Children's Hospital at Montefiore.

Over the last 50 years, the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation has paid medical and camp expenses for more than 2,000 kidney campers who are receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis; diagnosed with chronic kidney disease or with kidney impairment due to chronic congenital or rare disorders such as FSGS, Lupus, Cystinosis, and others; or kidney transplant recipients.

Kidney campers experience traditional summer camp activities, while also receiving their vital dialysis treatments each summer. Special attention is given to the individual medical and developmental needs of each kidney camper, but they are not segregated from their peers; kidney campers live in cabins and participate in a variety of activities alongside campers of various abilities. Thanks to the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation, the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, and our generous donors, these children and teens can experience an incredible summer and make memories for a lifetime.



# KIDNEY CAMP THROUGH THE YEARS



## 1960

Ruth Gottscho's parents founded the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation to assist families in purchasing home dialysis machines and focus on finding a way to help children with kidney disorders attend summer camp alongside their peers.

PICTURED: Judy & Ruth Gottscho

## 1975

Former CEO Halbe Brown oversees the development of the Ruth C. Gottscho Kidney Dialysis Center at Frost Valley YMCA, the first of its kind, for campers with kidney diseases. Staffed by caring professionals from the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Kidney Camp officially opens on July 17.



## 1980s - 1990s

Through Frost Valley's partnership with the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation and the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, we continue to welcome campers who receive treatment for chronic kidney disease, kidney transplants, and other illnesses requiring dialysis while also experiencing traditional summer camp with their peers.





## 2001

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore expands their partnership with the Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation to include sending pediatricians to Frost Valley to serve as primary care physicians in the infirmary.

## 2008

Eva Gottscho is inducted into Frost Valley's Hall of Fame.

The new Guenther Family Wellness Center, featuring a modernized dialysis unit, is dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 13.

## 2009

Eva Gottscho passes away, four days before her 96th birthday, on June 17.



## 2010

Dr. Frederick "Rick" Kaskel is honored with Frost Valley's Excellence Award for 35 years of dedicated service to the Kidney Program.

# KIDNEY CAMP THROUGH THE YEARS



## 2014

Dr. Ira Greifer, co-founder of The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Center, is inducted into Frost Valley's Hall of Fame.

PICTURED: Ira Greifer & Lew Reisman

## 2015

Maya Doyle, LCSW-R, PhD and Dr. Frederick "Rick" Kaskel are honored as the 2014 Eric Blum Volunteers of the Year on August 15.



## 2017

Three Israeli teenagers are the first campers from outside the United States to participate in the Kidney Camp program at Frost Valley.

## 2021

During the pandemic The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation offers free Frost Valley weekend retreats to kidney campers and their families.





# REFLECTIONS ON THE KIDNEY PROGRAM

## Stories From Alumni

I arrived at Frost Valley for Staff Training in June of 1975 – my consistently beloved home away from home since I was 8 years old. I was looking forward to the experience, which usually involved engaging activities to get to know the new staff and some first aid/emergency training thrown in for good measure. But this year was different. Almost all of the sessions were medical in nature as we prepared for the first group of campers on kidney dialysis. Although it was all new to me, for some reason I wasn't surprised when I was told that one of the campers would be in my cabin in Tacoma. Perhaps because I was 19 at the time, too young to be overly concerned about anything. As I write this, 50 years have passed, and most of my memories are fragments that left me pondering which campers benefited more from the experience. It was such a unique moment for the healthy campers to see into the daily life of a cabinmate whose health was profoundly compromised. And they stepped up in different ways, which included visits in the health center during dialysis treatments and walking more slowly up the steep trails that suddenly appeared to be everywhere. But for the most part, it was life as usual in Cabin 20 in Tacoma.... until it wasn't. It happened when the skies opened up in the middle of an overnight at Pigeon. I watched as 7 teenage girls sprang into action to try and protect our dialysis camper for they knew she was supposed to keep her fistula clean and dry. They took turns holding a tarp over her, while others carried drenched sleeping bags and flashlights as we walked all the way back to Girls Camp in the dark. Their concern was profound, their actions impressive and the outcome was more meaningful than simply making it back safely. The cabin bonded with each other – and their best selves – as the soggy sleeping bags hung from the rafters. I held onto the memory of that overnight and have reflected on it many times for life has a way of testing us along the way and sometimes lessons from the past show up to shine light on the path forward. That was the case when my five year-old daughter, Casey was diagnosed with a rare degenerative neuromuscular disease for which there was no treatment or cure. I reflected on the resilience and courage of the dialysis campers and their ability

# REFLECTIONS ON THE KIDNEY PROGRAM

## Stories From Alumni Continued

to continue to engage their full lives. It provided a solid reference point from which to carry on. Casey also lived a life filled with joy and meaning despite her challenging circumstances. How can I help but be grateful for that summer in Tacoma?

- Jody Davies (AKA Ketcham)



You already know about our kids – so trusting and so ready to just be kids. I still tear up remembering walking back to a distant cabin in the dark after a last peritoneal exchange, and having a 13-year-old city-boy reach out for my hand. Or how about watching our shortest campers in the dining room, standing on the benches at their tables (against the rules, I'm sure) for cheers, shouting "IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE!"



My favorite story is of a little boy from Bogota Colombia who was relocated to live with his auntie in NYC, where dialysis would be available for him. Understandably he was confused and depressed and his response was to refuse to eat. Ultimately a gastrostomy tube had been placed at his home unit, and he was later sent off to camp. Auntie had been assured his medical needs would be met at camp, and nobody

thought to mention the g-tube on his application. No enteral feedings or supplies were sent. His arrival at the unit added a whole new dimension to chaotic Sunday check-in! We began ordering supplies (ASAP, 1980s style); and sent him off to meet his cabin mates and begin life in Totem Village. That's when 'Frost Valley magic' kicked in, and meals in the dining hall with cabin mates proved irresistible! We never used the feedings that arrived; and our camper went home to Auntie at session's end to have his g-tube

removed. Somewhere there is a wonderful photo of this little guy sitting cross-legged on the bed in the old hemo unit. He has a huge smile on his face and a paper plate holding a bagel balanced on top of his head...Magic!

- Tamara Stephenson Crocker

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Dr. Rick Kaskel told me about Frost Valley (FV) in 1990 and I knew immediately I wanted to go! I met Tamara that summer and like so many fell in love with FV, and a precious and priceless friendship began. I returned to Frost Valley for several years as a staff RN and then as a coordinator for two weeks with Tam's guidance. So many happy memories! The campers, the dining hall, the campfires, the counselors, the medication basket and the wee little house by the creek where we did peritoneal dialysis exchanges.

My friendship with Tam blossomed over the next several years! She introduced me to so much, broadened my horizons, made me a better nurse and better friend. She was such an amazing leader at FV and very devoted to our campers. She provided support and education to each child every day. She helped them grow and develop a whole new layer of confidence.

I was never in management but Tam gave me the support and guidance to grow into coordinator role so I could spend two weeks every summer managing the Gottscho unit. I am so proud of the time I spent there and so grateful for Tam! A child's smile is priceless but the best reward was knowing you helped a child, who knows nurses and doctors all too well, have the experience of being just one of the eight kids in a cabin at sleepaway camp in the Catskills!

Many thanks to all of the wonderful staff who helped create and maintain FV and the Gottscho program.

- Patricia Hubbard-Ells, AGPCNP-C



# REFLECTIONS ON THE KIDNEY PROGRAM

## Stories From Alumni Continued

"Well, here at Wawayanda - and Henry Hird...It's just like a party, 'so absurd!' goes the Frost Valley YMCA dining hall song. Everyone's on their feet or wheelchair, dancing and twirling to it, "[Insert village name here] our name, and we're doing alright!" we shout, and everyone's together, we all belong.

At that point in my life, I knew only the basics of kidney function and even less about dialysis procedures. Soon, though, I had clearer understanding of both Hemo- and Peritoneal versions of it, and with some campers, the adverse effects of an extended regimen with Prednisone. And yeah, in the cabins we experienced a few irritated exit sites or burst bags as well as late night runs to the health center and the Castle to wake the doctors or nurses when something was not quite right. I found new respect for monitoring creatinine levels, protecting the fistula, switching out the bananas during snack time for something else, and had multiple experiences connecting with dialysis campers while personally escorting them out to where their cabins were camping on their overnights or bringing them back into camp for hemodialysis sessions, some of which were particularly challenging for the individuals going through them (Life just sucked in these moments).

And then there are the touchstone adults, "in the room" - Stu Kaufer, Tamara Stephenson, Rick Kaskel, Eva Gottscho, Eric Blum, and so many more. The Dialysis unit staff and camper experiences I had through the



1980's untangled my own knotted urgency to do something in the world other than just a job. Inspired by their determination, sense of humor, and Frost Valley's refreshing stance, "Of course children on dialysis can participate in residential summer camp programs away from their school year supports, and yes, we can find a way to do this that is safe and doesn't pose a financial burden on families," I looked for ways to be more than present for campers and staff.

For most of my summers while working at Frost Valley, I donated at least one paycheck to the Foundation. The experience with these campers was Oxygen.

For most of these individuals, petty grievances were a waste of energy when life was shaky.

Connecting with others, one on one, and pulling on the healing that comes with laughing at ourselves were superpowers. In moments of stillness around a village campfire or on holdover weekends, I recall staff members acknowledging the deep respect they had for the dialysis campers and the medical team that worked with them.

For 50 years, the staff and campers in the dialysis unit at Frost Valley YMCA have handed us lanterns to illuminate the path ahead. Let's live up to their trust in us and carry their light forward.

Now, it's time for me to teach my young grandchildren the Hula Hop and how it's a bit of luck to be born a baby duck with yellow socks and yellow shoes so that we can go wherever we choose. Thank you, my Frost Valley brothers and sisters.

- Rick Wormeli

(Camp Wawayanda Director in most of the '80's as well as Totem Village Chief for one summer and a Counselor for Iscusfa Village for the Performing Arts for a summer)



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Brenda was in that group. They had used up both of her arms to make fistulas, so they had started a site on her leg. Whenever we went on a hike or walked somewhere distant, she would say. (in her southern accent) "Paaaiiggy, ma leg hurts". And I would say, "really you just lie down right here on the side of the road or the side of the trail. I'll come back and get you later." She never took me up on my offer, and it was a way to get her to walk just one little bit farther.

- Peggy Rub

# REFLECTIONS ON THE KIDNEY PROGRAM

## Stories From Alumni Continued

After evening activity they always carried Stevie (Bell) back up the hill.

One night Stevie asked John, "where does oil come from?"

So John - who is NOT a science guy - did his best at explaining.

Then about 300 yards later into the carry, Stevie says, "How did Lincoln die?"

This was much more up John's alley.

Then a little later Stevie says, "is Lincoln going to become oil someday?"

- John Ferris



# HONOREE

## Dr. Rick Kaskel



My wife Phyllis and family and I have been involved in the Frost Valley YMCA, Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation and the Children's Hospital at Montefiore since its early days beginning in 1978. This unique program was founded in 1975 and was the nation's first mainstream camp experience for children with kidney disease whether on hemo- or peritoneal dialysis awaiting a transplant, those with chronic kidney disease and finally, those with kidney transplants. The program has served over 2000 children from the tri-state region and dedicated nurses,

social workers and pediatric nephrologists have continuously provided the expertise to make the program a success. I have witnessed the inspirational transformation of many of these campers as they navigated the obstacles inherent in a mainstreaming camp experience to gain confidence and independence through a 2 week summer camp program away from their families and medical centers. To see them integrated in the camp without barriers to their abilities is truly amazing and kept me returning throughout the past almost 50 years. Many of these campers have become health care professionals at different levels and the example they provide is unparalleled. Our medical community is so appreciative of all of the efforts and dedication of the many people who have made this program possible for the past half a century. It can be stated that the visionaries who first thought and started this unique program in 1974, Eva Gottscho and her Foundation, Dr. Ira Greifer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Halbe Brown, the former CEO of Frost Valley YMCA, would be proud to see how it has met its goal of providing a camp experience for all those challenged with kidney disease.

## HONOREE

### Maya Doyle, MSW/PhD



Maya Doyle is a dedicated social worker who has had a profound impact on the lives of children and families living with chronic kidney disease. Since 1994, she has championed the needs of this vulnerable population, beginning her career at Bellevue Hospital and subsequently joining the Division of Pediatric Nephrology at Montefiore Medical Center. Her personal experience with chronic illness fuels her passion for providing comprehensive support and services.

A cornerstone of her career is her 25-year commitment to the Ruth Gottscho Dialysis and Children's Kidney Program at Frost Valley YMCA. Her tireless efforts in recruiting campers, managing medical logistics, and fostering a supportive camp environment have transformed the lives of hundreds of children with kidney disease. Her innovative response to the pandemic, creating virtual camp experiences and safe family weekends, demonstrates her unwavering dedication to the program's mission.

Dr. Doyle's expertise and energy extend beyond camp coordination. Her first transplant patient at Montefiore was a 13-year-old girl with nephropathic cystinosis, a rare genetic disease that in the past was frequently fatal in adolescence. Partnering with the Cystinosis Research Network, for whom she remains a professional advisor, Maya became a relentless researcher and advocate around the experience of living with cystinosis across the lifespan, and the needs of patients as they transition out of pediatric care. This year in Nashville at a family meeting, she moderated a gathering of more than 30 adults living with cystinosis and is working to raise awareness of mental health and medical trauma to clinicians, researchers, patients, and families. She continues academic research; contributes to the creation of patient education materials; and speaks locally and nationally about the lived experience of rare and chronic illnesses, and the transition to adulthood for children with special healthcare needs. She herself transitioned to a teaching career in the MSW program at Quinnipiac University in 2014, becoming a full professor this year. As a mentor, advocate, and educator, she has built a strong network within the kidney disease community and continues to inspire future social workers.



# HONOREE

## Richard A. Gottscho, PhD

Richard A. Gottscho is executive vice president, chief technology officer at Lam Research, a position he has held since May 2017. Dr. Gottscho previously served as Executive Vice President, Global Products Group beginning in August 2010; and Group Vice President and General Manager, Etch Businesses beginning in March 2007. He joined Lam in January 1996 and has held various director and vice president roles spanning across deposition, etch, and clean products. Prior to joining Lam, he was a member of Bell Laboratories for 15 years, where he headed research departments in electronics materials, electronics packaging, and flat panel displays. In 2016, Dr. Gottscho was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering. He is the recipient of many awards, including the American Vacuum Society's Peter Mark Memorial Award, the Plasma Science and Technology Division Prize, the Dry Process Symposium Nishizawa Award, and the Tegal Thinker Award. He is a fellow of the American Physical and American Vacuum Societies. He has authored numerous papers, patents, and lectures, and has served on editorial boards of peer-reviewed technical publications and program committees for major conferences in plasma science and engineering. He served as vice-chair of a National Research Council study on plasma science.

Dr. Gottscho earned Ph.D. and B.S. degrees in physical chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Pennsylvania State University, respectively.



Rick Gottscho, Ruth's first cousin, is the largest single donor to The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation. He made a significant gift when the foundation needed it the most.

PICTURED: Richard A. Gottscho — his wife, Yuko Yamao, Judy Gottscho Eichinger, and Bob Eichinger

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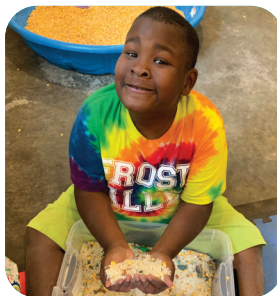
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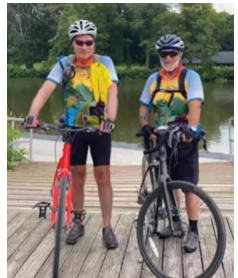
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### FROM GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ MD

Congratulations to Frost Valley YMCA Camp and to a lifetime of service and achievement by Dr. Rick Kaskel. I had the privilege to serve as a hemodialysis and all-purpose camp doctor while training as a fellow in Pediatric Nephrology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1974. This was truly a unique opportunity for children with chronic kidney disease to attend a YMCA camp. Through my 50-year association with Dr. Kaskel, I have continued to learn about the wonderful experiences of kidney campers. In turn, I encouraged some of my patients from Rochester to be campers, too. I am hopeful that with additional financial and medical support this program can be sustained for many years. While Dr. Kaskel is an honoree for his wonderful service to the Camp, he does take some time out to pursue hobbies, including a bike ride on the Erie Canal with me in 2023.







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