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FROST VALLEY YMCA

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FROST VALLEY YMCA AWARDED GRANT FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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CLARYVILLE, NY – Autism Speaks, a national autism advocacy organization, selected Frost Valley YMCA to be a recipient of the Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Program Award. Frost Valley obtained this grant for the benefit of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder whose families would otherwise not be able to attend Day Camp. The funds have been given to families living in Sullivan, Delaware, and Ulster Counties for Summer 2015.

Frost Valley YMCA offers traditional camp activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, arts & crafts, teambuilding, rock climbing, science-based outdoor experiences, ropes courses and more. Guided by its mission, Frost Valley believes that all children deserve a camp experience and have historically welcomed children with varying types of physical and developmental disabilities in their summer programs, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Under the leadership of the Day Camp Inclusion Director, experienced counselors work closely with children with physical and/or developmental disabilities to see that their needs are met. They provide campers ample opportunities to experience the outdoors, create long-lasting friendships and participate in all activities in a beautiful, natural setting.

About Autism Speaks
Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Their longtime friend Bernie Marcus donated $25 million to help financially launch the organization. Since then, Autism Speaks has grown into the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

About Frost Valley YMCA
Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

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