

## Calendar

### **Ellenville Senior Housing Complex Grand Opening**

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Ellenville Regional Hospital and Warwick Properties Inc. invite the community to join them for the Grand Opening of Phase 3 of the Ellenville Senior Apartments complex. The event will also include a Grand Opening for the entire 3-phase complex.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 10:30am at the new Senior Housing complex, located at 15 Healthy Way in Ellenville, next to Ellenville Regional Hospital. Lunch will be served.

Funding for the affordable senior housing is once again being provided by the New York State Division of Housing.

The newly constructed apartment building consists of 45 units of rental housing. There are a total of 144 apartments in the complex, and all units are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative.

RSVP's are requested. To RSVP, please call 845 647-6400 extension 296

### **FREE SHARPS COLLECTION**

Ellenville Regional Hospital will be providing free sharps collection on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-10:00am. The sharps must in appropriate puncture proof containers. In addition, the hospital will distribute free sharps containers to replace the used ones that they accept.

### **Provident Bank Donates to Ellenville Regional Hospital**

Ellenville, New York, July 29, 2011: the Board of Directors of Ellenville Regional Hospital is excited to announce that the hospital was the recipient of a generous donation from the Provident Bank Foundation, under their Provident Bank Charitable Foundation program. The funds are earmarked to support the new MRI services now available at the hospital.

Presenting the \$5,000 donation to hospital President/CEO Steve Kelley and to the Executive Director of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation Bob Rue were William Gettel, Vice President/Business Manager, and Yvonne Gisselbrecht, Assistant Treasurer, both of the Ellenville branch of Provident Bank.

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For an appointment, please call 845 647-6400 x271.

If you would like more information on MRI or other services provided by Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact the Hospital at (845)647-6400.

### **Hospital to Honor Jonah Mandelbaum**



for well-built, safe and affordable senior housing in the Hudson Valley and is widely recognized for his outstanding track record and reputation for quality and integrity.

Warwick Properties LLC partnered with Ellenville Regional Hospital to construct the 142-unit Ellenville Senior Apartments, an affordable housing option for our seniors, located on the Hospital's campus in Ellenville, NY. This exceptional collaboration has created the first for-profit/not-for-profit partnership for



building affordable senior housing in New York State, and the project has been recognized by the State as a model for senior living! Since the first phase was completed, the hospital's inpatient census has increased by 33%! This partnership has provided the first step toward fulfilling the hospital's vision for a continuum of senior care for the Ellenville/Warwarsing community.

The Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation are pleased to announce that Jonah Mandelbaum has been chosen as the honoree at the Hospital's annual Gala and Silent Auction.

The event is scheduled for October 1, 2011 at the Fountains at Walkill Golf Club, Middletown, NY.

Mr. Mandelbaum, the principal of Warwick Properties LLC, is the premier builder of affordable senior housing in New York State. Since 1996, he has been meeting the demand

Please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043 for further information regarding the Gala and Silent Auction.

### **Sperling Named as Medical Director at Ellenville Regional Hospital**

Ellenville, New York, July 22, 2011: The Board of Directors of Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Walter Sperling, MD, had been selected as the new Medical Director at the Ellenville NY facility.



Dr. Sperling currently practices at the Family Health Center of Ellenville, located on the same campus as Ellenville Regional Hospital. Dr. Sperling has been the face of healthcare in the Ellenville/Wawarsing Community for over 45 years. He and his partners founded the Ellenville Medical Group in 1966 and he has been caring for the residents of this community ever since. While with the Ellenville Medical Group, he served as an Attending Physician and, at one point, as the Chief of Medicine, at Ellenville Regional Hospital and its predecessors.

Steven Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital, is excited about Dr. Sperling's new role at the Hospital. "Dr. Sperling brings a wealth of experience and skill to Ellenville Regional Hospital". He added, "I am delighted that he has decided to bring his talents to our Hospital to serve our patients and our community. And he will be a great mentor and leader for the members of our Medical Staff and to our incoming Family Practice Residents".

Dr. Sperling earned his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical College. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA, and served as both the Chief Medical Resident and as an Instructor of Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He then served as a Captain and Chief of Medicine with the United States Air Force at the Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, FL. He is board-eligible in Internal Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Angiology.

### **Hudson Valley Magazine Names Arvind Gopel Kamthan, M.D. One of Hudson Valley's Top Doctors**



Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that Arvind Gopel Kamthan, M.D. has been named one of the Hudson Valley's Top Doctors by Hudson Valley Magazine.

Board Certified in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine, Dr. Kamthan was recognized under the category of Medical Oncology for his special expertise in the treatment of Breast Cancer.

Dr. Kamthan joined the Medical Staff at Ellenville Regional Hospital in May 2010. He provides consultative services to the Hospital inpatients and referral outpatient consultative services through the Hospital's Specialty Clinic.

For information on the services provided by Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400.

### **PSA- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a good time to think about getting checked for this common cancer. Early detection and treatment is the best way to protect yourself. Everyone over the age of 50 should talk to their health care provider about getting screened for colorectal cancer. To help reduce your risk, get screened, eat a healthy diet, get regular exercise, avoid tobacco and use alcohol in moderation or not at all. To learn more, visit the New York State Department of Health website at [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov).

### **MRI Services Provided**

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## Hospital Wins Another Award for Quality

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Angela Skretta, VP NorMet & Exec. Dir. NorMet Patient Safety Institute, Steven L. Kelley, President & CEO, ERH  
Daniel Sisto, President, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs), Ann Marie McCarthy, Emergency Dept Nurse Mgr, ERH  
Ashima Butler, Director of Quality and Medical Staff Services, ERH, Kevin Dahill, President & CEO NSHC and NorMet  
Debbie Briggs, Dir. of Human Resources, ERH

On Monday, December 6, 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital received a 2010 Quality and Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute. Accepting the award for Ellenville Regional Hospital was President and CEO Steven L. Kelley. Joining him at the event were Ashima Butler, Director of Quality and Medical Staff Services, Ann Marie McCarthy, Emergency Department Nurse Manager, and Debbie Briggs, Director of Human Resources and Volunteer Services.

Ellenville Regional Hospital won in the category of Small Hospital or Outpatient Organization, for reducing the average length of stay in their Emergency Department (ED) to less than 100 minutes. Starting with an average length of stay of 190-240 minutes in 2007, they were able to bring down the average to about 91 minutes in 2010. They achieved this goal by appointing a multi-disciplinary team of staff, involved directly or indirectly with ED care, to dissect the care process to determine where lags or delays existed. The team then implemented procedures to shorten or eliminate these delays. This was accomplished as the ED patient volume increased by 36% between 2008 and 2009, Benchmarked against eight other small hospitals in the state, Ellenville Regional Hospital's ED has the quickest turnaround time two years in a row for patients!

The awards event, which was held at the Marriott at LaGuardia Airport, was held in conjunction with the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and the Healthcare Trustees of New York State Association (HTNYS). Guest speakers at the event included Daniel Sisto, President of the Healthcare Association of New York (HANYs) and Richard Umbdenstock, President of the American Hospital Association (AHA).

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400

## Ellenville Regional Hospital Partners with the Center for Donation & Transplant to Honor Those Who Donate Life

Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that it is partnering with the Center for Donation & Transplant (CDT) to honor patients and their families that choose to give the gift of life through organ and/or tissue donation. Ellenville Regional Hospital will recognize its organ and tissue donors by flying a Donate Life Flag in their honor after every donation case at the hospital in 2011. After the flag has been flown, it will be given to the donor's family in memory of their loved one. Ellenville Regional Hospital will also fly the flag during National Donate Life Month in April to help raise awareness of the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation.

As a token of appreciation for Ellenville Regional Hospital's support, CDT will dedicate a rose in honor of the hospital's donors to be placed on the Donate Life Float in the 2011 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. The dedicated rose joined hundreds of others from across the nation to create a living memorial called the "Family Circle Garden" that was incorporated into the float. To read Ellenville Regional Hospital's personalized dedication, visit the Donate Life Float website at [www.donatelifefloat.org](http://www.donatelifefloat.org), and click on "Dedicate Roses."

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400

## Grand Opening of Phase 2 of the Ellenville Senior Apartments



Rev. Julius Collins: ERH Board Member, Senator John Bonacic, Sean Fitzgerald, Asst. Commissioner for Capital Development, NY State Homes and Community Renewal, Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Steven Kelley, President and CEO Ellenville Regional Hospital  
 Jonah Mandelbaum, Principal, Warwick Properties Inc., Mike Hein, County Executive, County of Ulster, Lynn Kopka, Assistant Commissioner, NY State Homes and Community Renewal, Elliott Auerbach, Comptroller, County of Ulster

On Wednesday, October 27, 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital and Warwick Properties Inc. held a Grand Opening of Phase 2 of the Ellenville Senior Apartments, along with a Groundbreaking for Phase 3. The event, which was well attended by residents, community members, and elected officials, was hosted by Jonah Mandelbaum of Warwick Properties Inc. and Steven Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital.

The newly constructed apartment building consists of 42 units of rental housing. All units are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative.

The third, and final phase of the complex, which is already under construction, will consist of 44 apartments. The rent structure for Phase 3 is set at \$275, \$405, or \$540 per month, based on income eligibility.

Funding for the affordable senior housing was once again provided by the New York State Division of Housing. Warwick Properties Inc. and Ellenville Regional Hospital wish to recognize Senator John Bonacic, the event's Key Note Speaker, for being the driving force in obtaining the NYS funding for all three phases of the construction.

The program also included presentations by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, Sean Fitzgerald, Asst. Commissioner for Capital Development, NY State Homes and Community Renewal, ERH Board member Rev. Julius Collins and Ruth Osterhoudt, Ellenville Senior Apartment resident.

For information on the Ellenville Senior Apartments, please call 845 647-4772.

### **Richard M. Wood, MD has joined its Medical Staff**

Dr. Wood is a Urogynecologist, which is a sub-specialty with basic training in the field of gynecology, followed by special training in diagnosing and treating women's pelvic floor disorders. He offers his patients extensive experience, which includes restoring bladder control and pelvic floor anatomy. His specialized practice is limited to bladder control and prolapse disorders.

Dr. Wood is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and completed a Yale New Haven Hospital Residency. He earned his medical degree from the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at the Pennsylvania State University. He has been a Hudson Valley surgeon since 2002, and personally sees his patients from start to finish.

Dr. Wood will be seeing patients in the Hospital's Specialty Clinic on Mondays beginning October 18th. For appointments or for more information regarding his practice, please contact Ellenville Regional Hospital at (845) 546-3403.

### **Main Entrance**



Our newly renovated main entrance is dedicated to the Resnick Family who in 1980 donated forty-seven acres to the Ellenville Community Hospital.

### **Funding for Phase Three of Ellenville Senior Apartments**

August 31, 2010 - Warwick Properties Inc. and Ellenville Regional Hospital are pleased to announce that



they have received funding to build Phase 3 of the Ellenville Senior Apartments.

The affordable senior housing complex has been developed through a partnership between Warwick Properties Inc. and Ellenville Regional Hospital. The first phase of the complex, located at 15 Healthy Way in Ellenville, next to Ellenville Regional Hospital, was completed in September of 2008 and consists of 56 units. Residents are now moving into the Phase 2 building, which consists of 42 apartments.



The third, and final phase of the complex, will consist of 44 apartments and construction is expected to begin this fall. The rent structure for Phase 3 is set at \$275, \$405, or \$540 per month, based on income eligibility.

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All units of the Ellenville Senior Apartments are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. In addition, amenities include a Community Room with Kitchen, 24-hour emergency services, an on-site laundry facility and security cameras. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative.



On March 8, 2010, construction began on the second phase of the Ellenville Senior Apartments, a partnership between Warwick Properties Inc. and Regional Hospital. The first phase of the complex, located at 15 Healthy Way in Ellenville, next to Ellenville Regional Hospital, was completed in September of 2008. The Phase 2 building, which consists of 44 apartments, is expected to be ready for

occupancy in the fall of 2010.

Funding for the affordable senior housing is once again being provided by the New York State Division of Housing.

All units of the Ellenville Senior Apartments are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative. For information on the project, please call 845 647-4772. For information, please call 845 647-4772.

## Vincent LaSalle, PA, Joins the Pain Management Team

Vincent LaSalle, a Physician Assistant working with Dr. Hussein Omar, has joined the Pain Management Team at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

Ms. LaSalle earned his Bachelor of Science in the Physician Assistant Program at Touro College in Manhattan and his Master of Science Degree in Public Health and Microbiology from Utah State University.

LaSalle's career as a Physician Assistant is extensive. He has worked with elderly patients suffering from end-stage medical problems, seasonal migrant workers in rural areas, imprisoned youth in a primary care setting, and families in a medically underserved urban community. LaSalle cared for these varied patient populations while working for the National Public Health Service. Currently working with Dr. Omar at the Pain Control Center of Ferndale, NY, LaSalle looks forward to bringing his pain management skills and years of experience to Dr. Omar's patients at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

For appointments or for more information regarding the Pain Management Services available at Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call at (845) 647-6400 ext. 314.

## Hospital Welcomes Dr. Abdul R. Shahzad to Ellenville

Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to welcome Dr. Abdul R. Shahzad to its Medical Staff. Dr. Shahzad, a Board Certified General Surgeon, graduated from the Universidad Technologica de Santiago in the Dominican Republic. His experiences have taken him around the country and around the world! He has worked at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center and at Union/St. Barnabas Hospital, both in the Bronx, NY. He completed a Vascular Fellowship at the North East Vascular Group in Philadelphia, PA, and has worked in the Emergency Departments in several hospitals in Wisconsin, including Sheboygan Memorial Hospital. Internationally, Dr. Shahzad has preceptored in Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology at the Civil Hospital of Quetta in Pakistan, and was the Director of a rural clinic at Genemo in the Dominican Republic. He is currently the Chief of Surgery and Co-Director of Critical Care at Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Steven Kelley, President and C.E.O. of Ellenville Regional Hospital, is thrilled to bring a General Surgeon to the Ellenville area. "Dr. Shahzad brings a wealth of experience and skill to Ellenville Regional Hospital. We have not had a General Surgeon at the Hospital for many years. The addition of Dr. Shahzad to our Medical Staff will allow our patients to take care of their ambulatory surgical needs right here, without the need to travel out of our community. He added, "I am delighted that he has decided to bring his talents to our Hospital to serve our patients and our community."

To make an appointment with Dr. Shahzad, or for more information regarding his practice, please contact Ellenville Regional Hospital at (845) 647-6400, ext. 314.

## Ellenville Regional Hospital Partners with the Center for Donation & Transplant to Honor Those Who Donate Life.

Ellenville N.Y. - December 18, 2009 - In 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital is partnering with the Center for Donation & Transplant (CDT) to honor patients and their families that choose to give the gift of life through organ or tissue donation. Ellenville Regional Hospital will recognize its organ and tissue donors by flying a Donate Life Flag in their honor each time a donation is facilitated at the hospital in 2010. After the flag has been flown it will be given to the donor's family in memory of their loved one, as part of an aftercare packet designed to help families cope with their grief. Ellenville Regional Hospital will also fly the flag during National Donate Life Month in April to help raise awareness of the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation. "I am thrilled that Ellenville Regional Hospital is recognizing the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation by flying the Donate Life Flag in honor of their donors," said Jeffrey Orlovski, Chief Executive Officer of CDT. "The flags provide awareness of the importance of donation and also serve as a symbol of respect for those who have given the gift the life. The families of our donors find it very meaningful to receive the flag in recognition of their loved one."

To thank Ellenville Regional Hospital's for its support of CDT's mission, CDT has dedicated a rose in honor of Ellenville Regional Hospital's donors that will be placed on the Donate Life Float in the 2010 Rose Parade. 2010 marks the seventh year that the donation and transplant community has participated in the Rose Parade through the Donate Life Float, which is designed to inspire more than 30 million U.S. television viewers to give the gift of life. Ellenville Regional Hospital's dedicated rose will join hundreds of others from across the nation to create a living memorial called the "Family Circle Garden" that is incorporated into the float. For more information about the Donate Life Float, or to read Ellenville Regional Hospital's rose dedication, visit the Donate Life Float website at [www.donatelifefloat.org](http://www.donatelifefloat.org).

The Center for Donation & Transplant is the federally designated non-profit organization that coordinates the retrieval of donated organs and tissues at 46 hospitals throughout western Vermont and northeastern New York State.

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400 or visit [ellenvilleregional.org](http://ellenvilleregional.org)



Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that Maryann Wood, RN, is now board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, as she has earned her Nursing Case Management certification.

Ms. Wood has been employed by Ellenville Regional Hospital since 1992, currently as the Manager of the Case Management Department.

Nurse case managers actively participate with their clients to identify and facilitate options and services, providing and coordinating comprehensive care to meet patient/client health needs, with the goal of decreasing fragmentation and duplication of care, and enhancing quality, cost-effective clinical outcomes. Nurse case managers continually evaluate each individual's health plan and specific challenges and then seek to overcome obstacles that affect outcomes. To facilitate patient outcomes, the nurse case manager may fulfill the roles of advocate, collaborator, facilitator, risk manager, educator, mentor, liaison, negotiator, consultant, coordinator, evaluator, and/or researcher.

This is another step in the hospital's quality improvement program. For information on hospital services, please call 845 647-6400.

## Hospital Purchases State of the Art Ultrasound Unit

Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce the purchase of a new, state of the art Ultrasound Unit for its Radiology Department. This purchase was made possible by a grant from the 2009 Rural Health Care Access Development Program.

The Ultrasound Unit, a GE Healthcare LOGIQ 7, provides the newest in graphics and 3D imaging. The cutting-edge imaging provides for better diagnostic capabilities, especially in the area of obstetrics and fetal anatomy. Other improved areas of study include abdominal, renal, vascular (legs and carotid arteries), thyroid, and breast.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Ultrasound Technician Paul Shumanski, is excited about the addition of the state-of-the-art Ultrasound Unit. "This GE Healthcare unit allows us to produce enhanced, 3D images to assist our Physicians to better diagnosis their patients. The images are crystal clear, with high definition. And the 3D feature is just amazing! This is such a great benefit for our patients. In addition, the patient can now take home a 3D image of her baby in utero." said Shumanski.

If you would like more information please contact the Hospital at (845)647-6400.

## Hospital Welcomes Dr. Sushil Dhawan to Ellenville

Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Sushil Dhawan has become an Associate Member - Orthopedics with the America Academy



of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). Founded in 1933, the Academy is the preeminent provider of musculoskeletal education to orthopedic surgeons and others in the world. Dr. Dhawan is a specialist in foot and ankle care.



In addition, he is board certified in wound care and board qualified in foot and ankle surgery. His professional experience includes work in upper and lower limb trauma, in addition to total knee replacements and arthroscopy of the knee. He also has extensive experience in reconstructive foot surgery of diabetic patients, triple arthrodesis, ankle replacements and arthroscopy of the ankle.

To make an appointment with Dr. Dhawan, please contact Ellenville Regional Hospital at (845) 647-6400, ext. 350.



Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Patricia Gavis, VP and Chief Financial Officer, has earned a CPA license from the State of NY. Ms. Gavis has over 20 years of healthcare Finance experience and has led the Ellenville Regional Hospital Finance Team since 2003.

Gavis holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration from SUNY New Paltz. She resides in Kingston, NY with her husband and two daughters.

Joanne Loudenslager, Medical Records Coordinator at Ellenville Regional Hospital, has been awarded a "Recognition Certificate for Completeness and Timeliness of Cancer Reporting" by the New York Cancer Registry, a division of the New York State Department of Health.



Loudenslager earned this award based on her timely submission of Medical Record Disease Indexes for 2008.

The cancer information provided by the hospital assists cancer researchers, planning agencies and public health professionals to accurately assess the burden of cancer on the people of New York.

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400.

## **Mammography Accreditation**

Ellenville Regional Hospital in Ellenville, NY has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, VA, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of the facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

For more information on imaging services available at Ellenville Regional Hospital: 845.647.6400 ext. 271.

## **HRSA Conference**

Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that it participated in the first Learning Session of Health Resources and Services Administration's Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC). The event, held in August of this year in Washington D.C., brought together a crowd of over 300 from across the country who were there to learn how to cut patient errors and improve health outcomes by integrating clinical pharmacy services into primary care.

Representing Ellenville Regional Hospital were Ashima Butler, Director of Administrative and Medical Staff Services, and Michael Stearns, Supervising Pharmacist.

The PSPC was created to help Pharmacists and other health professionals learn to work collaboratively to provide the safest possible care to patients. The focus is on patient safety and improved health outcomes.

At the conference, Butler and Stearns presented Ellenville Regional Hospital's process for improving medication safety among health professionals in a hospital setting. The pair earned national recognition for their presentation and were contacted afterwards by many participants who were interested in learning more about implementing Ellenville Regional Hospital's medication safety process in their facilities.

## **Senior Housing**





On Tuesday, October 28, 2008 about 150 people attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Ellenville Senior Apartments. The apartments, which are located next to Ellenville Regional Hospital, are an innovative partnership between Warwick Properties, Inc., a for-profit entity, and Ellenville Regional Hospital, a not-for-profit organization, providing both safe, independent, residential living and quality healthcare on one campus.

The newly constructed apartment building consists of a three-story elevator building containing 55 units of rental housing. All units are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative. The apartments are fully rented.

The MC for the event was Steven Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital. Speakers included Robert Kuhlmann, Chairman of the Board of Ellenville Regional Hospital, Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Jonah Mandelbaum, Warwick Properties Inc. Principal, Jeffrey Kaplan, Village of Ellenville Mayor, Edward Jennings, Town of Wawarsing Supervisor, Carol Lounsbery, apartment resident and Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary President, Douglas Olcott, Vice President, Community Preservation Corporation, Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and Keynote Speaker Senator John Bonacic.

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