

# HealthCare



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer  
at a medical facility on Keuka Lake, Joel Bloom graciously



Bloom smiles as he breaks through a ribbon at the entrance to Camp Good Days and Special Times on Keuka Lake, concluding a journey that took him from Florida to New York in 34 days.

ing effort took its toll on his body. "It's tougher than I talk about. My breathing was seriously affected," he remarked.

Asked by a well-wisher if he was now going to bicycle back to Florida, he laughed, "Oh, no. I'm going to take planes from now on!"

He also chuckled that he had sent a postcard to his surgeons who had predicted a much bleaker outlook for him.

Turning more somber, he said, "It's not they were wrong. It's just that I participate in my own miracles."

Bloom will now return to his duties as canticle soloist at Temple Sinai in Rochester. He is also an instructor with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services No. 2 in Spencerport.

Bloom's future is more uncertain regarding his illness: "My lungs and heart couldn't stand another operation. So there's no reason to go for X-rays; I don't want to know I have tumors again."

Perhaps Bloom's most symbolic experience on the trip occurred while struggling up a steep incline in Pennsylvania.

"These hills are like cancer," he remarked. "People who don't climb the hill don't know the reward on the other side."

Nor the glance at the panoramic countryside from the hill's peak.

"I'd earned the view," Bloom concluded.

## Volunteers are needed by two health facilities

ROCHESTER — Volunteers are being sought to assist residents of the Park Hope Nursing Home, 1556 Mt. Hope Ave., and the Edna Tina Wilson Living Center, 700 Island Cottage Road, Greece.

Volunteers would help with a variety of recreational activities. Those interested in lending a hand should contact Sharon Wheeler at 716/473-2444 (Park Hope) or Mary Ann Macke at 586-6100 (Edna Tina Wilson).

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with Sheri Mervis, who accompanied him in a support journey.


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