

Volunteers Cited for Service

Volunteer awards were presented yesterday to members of the Richmond Day Center for Older People in the West Brighton and Stapleton Houses.

Certificates were presented to persons from the West Brighton unit who have aided the center.

Mrs. Jack Hammond, director of volunteers at Willowbrook State School, presented awards to Willowbrook volunteers from the Stapleton unit and Mrs. Jane Sainer and Mrs. Blanche Brody of the Community Service Society of New York gave the awards to West Brighton members.

Willowbrook volunteer workers from the day centers total 41, Mrs. Sainer noted. Eight

workers from both day centers have gone to the institution for the mentally retarded every week since the program began March 11.

They are Mrs. Margaret Riccio, Fred W. Russbild, Mrs. Alice Bridgewater, Mrs. G. Wallys Knudsen, Mrs. Alice LaForge, Mrs. Mae McMurray, Mrs. Rose Regan and Mrs. Jennie Ricci.

At Willowbrook, the senior citizens work in occupational therapy, help sort and label clothing, sew gowns and dresses and act as companions to some of the patients. One man is an assistant in the woodworking shop, teaching the residents woodworking, and another teaches pool to a group of boys.

At the West Brighton center, certificates also were presented to volunteers in the Medicare alert program, the Fi-Po-Cos, a group of firemen and policemen, the board of directors and volunteers who help run the center.



Mrs. G. Wallys Knudsen, 75, of the West Brighton Center, brings trays to Willowbrook patients.

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Young patients in Willowbrook State School receive special attention from senior citizen volunteers. The volunteers are, from left, Mrs. Mary K. Sullivan, 72, of the Stapleton Houses unit of the Day Center for Older People; Mrs. Agnes DeSousa, 63, of the West Brighton Center, and Mrs. Consuelo Davis, 68, of the Stapleton Center.