



Taking time out at the SERVE Volunteer Tribute Day at Willowbrook State School are Dr. Jack Hammond, Willowbrook director, left, Deputy Mayor Timothy W. Costello and Mrs. Janet Sainer, SERVE project director.

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## Senior Citizens Praised For Aid to State School

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Deputy Mayor Timothy W. Costello praised the senior citizen volunteers of Project SERVE yesterday and told them the city is modeling a volunteer program after the project.

"We are trying to fuse the energies, imagination and warmth of volunteers with city agencies," the Arrochar resident said. "I hope after a year of our efforts we are able to accomplish some of what you have accomplished here at Willowbrook."

Dr. Costello, whose duties include working with the Volunteer Coordinating Council of New York City, was the main speaker at the SERVE Volunteer Tribute Day in the auditorium at Willowbrook State School.

**SERVE—Serve and Enrich Retirement through Volunteer Experience—is a Staten Island volunteer project for retired persons sponsored by the Community Service Society of New York.**

The program included the presentation of certificates of appreciation of members of the Willowbrook staff who have

worked with the volunteers for a year and of service pins to volunteers who have worked 100 hours or more.

A surprise award was made to Mrs. Jack Hammond, supervisor of volunteers and wife of the director of Willowbrook. A volunteer, Fred Russbild, presented the certificate of appreciation from SERVE to Mrs. Hammond.

Two volunteers logged more than 250 hours at Willowbrook during the past 14 months. They are Mrs. Sadie Cooper of 559 Bloomingdale Rd., Rossville, and Miss Helen Henry of 591 Bloomingdale Rd. Rossville.

Also addressing the group were Dr. Stanley P. Davies, deputy director of Planning for Mental Retardation and Dr. Hammond.

Arthur Garson, vice-chairman of the Community Service Society Committee on

Aging, presented pins to the volunteers.

SERVE, which is a three-year research and demonstration program financed by federal and foundation grants, also paid tribute to community agencies which cooperated in the pilot phase of the project: the Staten Island Community Chest and Council and the Department of Welfare Division of Day Centers for Older Persons.

Michael Fager of the Richmond Day Center and Luther Route of the West Brighton Day Center also received citations.

Guests included Mrs. Henry Ittleston, of the Ittleston Foundation which is contributing to the project; James Douglas of the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Mrs. Sylvia Greenfield of the city Department of Welfare.