

The givers benefit, too

A good many Islanders are lending their time and their talents to help the people cared for at Willowbrook State School.

Among them are the SERVE volunteers, composed of elderly and retired people, and the Staten Island Rotary Club, which aided in forming a Boy Scout troop at the school and is finding that Scout troops elsewhere are happy to help with the program, as well as donating uniforms and equipment which their members no longer need. Soon there may also be a Girl Scout unit.

Now members of Staten Island Council, Telephone Pioneers of America, composed of workers at the Nassau Smelting and Refining Co. plant in Totenville, have constructed a "talking doll," with which therapists are able to converse with retarded youngsters who won't talk freely with adults, but will talk with the toy. It's worked via two-way transistor radio.

There are many more opportunities at Willowbrook for such unselfish service. It is as rewarding to the donor as the recipients.

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