

## Nixon aide supports program

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# SERVE commends 423 for volunteer work

Two volunteers with more than 1,000 hours of service received citations at the third annual Serve Volunteer Tribute Day yesterday in the Columbian gymnasium, West Brighton.

The award ceremony was presided over by Community Service Society project on Staten Island aimed at giving retired persons an active role in the community through volunteer work. Yesterday's event was attended by some 600.

A total of 423 volunteers received recognition for their accumulated hours of service over the three years Serve has been active on the Island. Henry Hansen of Mariners Harbor was cited for over 1,000 hours and Mrs. Marion Bennett of Stapleton for 1,100 hours. They were the two top volunteers.

John B. Martin Jr., U.S. commissioner-designate on aging for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Miss Ollie Randall, Ford Foundation consultant on aging, addressed the volunteers.

Martin and Miss Randall toured Willowbrook State School before the reception to observe SERVE volunteers at work.

Martin told the group the Nixon administration is very much interested in volunteer work.

He said he was impressed with the group approach that provides social contact and a spirit of teamwork.

Martin said that he would like to see the project tried on a statewide basis in New York and then nationally.

Citations were given to William E. Oriol, staff director, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, and to Les Trautmann, managing editor of the Advance. Citations also were given to representatives of 17

Island agencies and institutions for their role in the program. There were presentations to Mrs. Janet Sainer, project director; Mrs. Anne K. Reich, Mrs. Polly Normann and Mrs. Edythe Humphreys, community relations workers.

In addition to Mrs. Bennett and Hansen, volunteers with 600 or more hours of service were Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kunzig, Mrs. Alice Bridgewater, Mrs. Marion Burke, James Gallagher, Miss Mary McMurray, Mrs. Alice LaForge and Mrs. Jennie Ricci.

Fourteen were listed with more 500 hours of service; 14 with more than 400 hours, 25 with more than 300 hours, 26 with more than 200 hours and 240 with less than 100 hours.

Arthur Garson, Community Service Society trustee who chaired the meeting, noted the program began three years ago with only 23 volunteers.