

Council to cite Islander for work with retarded

Thomas Prisco of 34 Dongan Hills Ave., Dongan Hills, will be honored at a ceremony sponsored by the Volunteer Coordinating Council Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Alice Tully Hall of Lincoln Center for his volunteer work with mentally retarded and brain damaged children on Staten Island.

Mayor Lindsay will present the awards to the Dongan Hills resident and to four others chosen from their respective boroughs by the council for their volunteer work in a variety of areas.

Two groups from Staten Island will also be honored. The Richmond Day Center of the Department of Social Services, composed of volunteers over 65 under the direction of Louis Berman, will be cited for services to Willowbrook State School children. Similarly engaged with mentally retarded children, Girl Scout Troop 236 of De Matti Play-

ground, Rosebank, will also be honored.

Deputy Mayor Timothy W. Costello of Arrochar will attend this first ceremony of the council, a newly created agency under the city administration.

The proceedings will be emceed by Ed McMahon of the Johnny Carson TV show.

Prisco, a job developer for the New York Central Labor Council in the community services division in Manhattan, has been doing volunteer work for 12 years. His title is coordinator and founder of the Exceptional Children's Social Club, which sponsors trips and weekly handicraft workshops at Holy Rosary Church in South Beach as part of the activities involving 85 persons ranging from 7 years of age to 55.

Prisco's interest in the mentally retarded came from the care and training he gave his own son.