

Out of school and out of work

Volunteer work limitless— if only you look for it

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The lazy days of summer move along slowly. For those with nothing to do, they can really drag.

Many jobless young people, who are out-of-school, find there is a great gap between boredom and wanting to do something. But this gap can be bridged easily by "giving to others" certain extras, like time and caring, interest and patience.

The world of volunteer work is almost limitless on Staten Island this summer.

Hospitals offer opportunities for young people to work in various capacities, ranging from direct patient contact to office work.

St. Vincent's Medical Center at 355 Bard Ave., West Brighton, is interested in volunteers age 14 and up who are willing to work a few days per week— usually two or three — in either mornings or afternoons.

St. Agnes Hospital, and Home on Bellevue Ave., offers work dealing directly with patients. Various duties involve playing bingo with or feeding patients, delivering birthday presents, working in the library, doing occupational training on trips. Some of the recruitment is done through the Red Cross.

VARIOUS JOBS

Richmond Memorial Hospital at 475 Seaside Ave., Princess Bay, divides its volunteer program into two categories—those

needed to work in labs, therapy and the X-ray department and those needed to man the gift shop and information desk.

Staten Island Hospital on Castleton Ave. is booked for the summer but those interested in working next summer are urged to get on the waiting list now. Applicants must be age 14 to 18 and possess working papers. The work requires two half days a week; volunteers are assigned to various parts of the hospital but with no patient care.

For those interested in elderly people, some nursing homes on Staten Island offer opportunities for young people to share their youth and vitality with residents.

The Verrazano Nursing Home at 100 Castleton Ave., Tompkinsville, has a great need for helpers, boys and girls. Work entails taking patients for walks, writing letters for them and participating in the various programs at the home. Boys are especially vital in the capacity of "getting the men activated." Hours spent in voluntary service are flexible.

The Silver Lake Nursing Home, 275 Castleton Ave., Brighton Heights, has various programs for boys as well as girls. New volunteers are given a sheet outlining the things available for them to do. If they sign up they are subject to the same code of ethics as regular staff members.

Volunteer duties include helping to feed residents, acting as interpreters (if another language is spoken), assisting in libraries and running book-

bins, helping to arrange flowers, giving out juice and water, helping with arts and crafts, serving as messengers and receptionists, helping to bring patients to religious services, assisting nurses on the floor and playing cards and checkers with the residents.

WALK CHILDREN

The Clove Lakes Nursing Home at 25 Fanning St. Castle-Corner, has a request for Candy Stripper volunteers on weekends. They are needed especially in the mornings when, on Sunday, they can assist the residents in attending church services and recreational activities.

Willowbrook State School on Victory Blvd. offers a volunteer pamphlet answering the question, "How Can You Help?"

The pamphlet responds, "By giving a bit of extra care, attention, maybe even love. These little things can mean the world to a retarded child." Volunteers are needed for

both patient and non-patient work. Non-patient work includes sending cards and gifts to the patients who have no family contact, making mobiles for children's wards, helping in the volunteer office. Other youths are needed to "help expand ward recreation programs."

Volunteers can help therapists with Bobby skills and creative art — sewing, knitting, embroidery and working in ceramics, rug making, metal work and weaving — serving

in the library as a receptionist, visiting discharged patients and helping youngsters improve their reading ability. All volunteers at Willowbrook State School receive orientation and training in the care of the retarded.

Staten Island Community Chest, 25 Hyatt Ave, St. George, seeks young people to do clerical work, including stuffing envelopes for mailing and running the mail machine.

The American Cancer Society claims that male and female volunteers are used a great deal. Paper work is mostly involved. There is some physical work for boys. Hours depend on the individual; those interested may apply at 42 Richmond Terr., St. George.

The Catholic Guardian-Society, 42 Austin Pl., Tompkinsville, is a home for girls, ages 12-17, where female volunteers, age 20 and up, are needed to sit with the girls, take them on outings and emphasize a person's role in the community.

CANDY STRIPERS

The Catholic Guardian Society on Fremont Ave., Grant City, is a home for young girls, ages 6-11, where volunteers are needed to take children for walks, assist at dinner, supervise while the children are playing, help during outings and assist them with school work. Volunteers—boys or girls — can give the children the extra attention that is so important to them. The Catholic Guardian Society, 31 Clawson Ave., New Dorp, needs female volunteers

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to teach 15 and 16-year-old boys in basic mathematics.

The West Brighton Senior Center, 230 Broadway, has a need for volunteers to man telephones, to help in bus trips to museums, or restaurants and to help with arts and crafts. Both boys and girls are needed to spend as much time as possible with the elderly people.

The Red Cross Youth, 651 Targee St., Concord, has positions in agencies doing recreation work. However, it is too late to register for this summer program. Registration is usually at Eastertime.

Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., 15 Cornish St., Great Kills, reports that volunteers are needed for September when its campaign gets under way.

The Salvation Army has a day camp program for children and needs volunteers to help with games, arts and crafts and to assist in swimming instruction. Volunteers should be age 14 and up and should apply at 1295 Forest Ave., Port Richmond.

The Port Richmond Day Nursery, 166 Lockman Ave., Mariners Harbor, needs a few volunteers to dry dishes, to stay with children and help teachers with the program.

The Children's Aid Society, 304 Prospect Ave., New Brighton, sponsors a day camp program where volunteers can help with caring for children or doing clerical work. Boys are

needed to play basketball with the children. Hours reportedly depend on the individual. The Bethlehem Lutheran Home, 375 Fingerboard Rd., Arrochar, needs "conscientious" young people to work regular hours; volunteers who are ready to work with children, ages 11-16, in child caring should stop by for an interview.

Stapleton Community Center, 189 Gordon St., needs volunteers to help with day care counseling and to assist college students. One volunteer is needed as a part-time secretary.

Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children needs volunteers of high school age, who would like to work at camp with retarded children. The address is 1150 Castleton Ave., West Brighton.

Jewish Family Service, 114 Central Ave., Tompkinsville, has a volunteer program of "friendly visitors." These young people go into the homes of disabled persons and visit at other times, make phone calls on their own.