

## Nixon cites SERVE for volunteer aid

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon last night presented plaques to SERVE, the Staten Island-based volunteer group of elderly citizens, and to a 70-year-old Mississippi woman as America's outstanding volunteers of 1971.

Volunteer work, the President said, is "something that brings America together" and represents the country at its best.

The awards were sponsored by the National Center for Voluntary Action. Winners and eight other finalists were honored at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Accepting the award for the 600 members of SERVE were James Gallagher, 72, and Joseph Reina, 81, both of West Brighton. SERVE began six years ago with a few dozen retired volunteers. Members range in age from 60 to 96.

The individual award went to Mrs. Arnette Gilves, 70, who has brought up 40 abandoned children over the last half-century.



James Gallagher, 72, of West Brighton, a retired letter carrier has a few words of advice for President Nixon after receiving an award in Washington on behalf of SERVE.