

Editorials

An accolade for SERVE

National recognition for the achievements of hundreds of Staten Island senior citizens in aiding others in the community has come to SERVE, the volunteer organization which got its start on the Island and now is spreading to communities throughout the country.

Some of the Islanders who have contributed thousands of hours of their time to such things as aiding the patients at Willowbrook School and elsewhere, helping teach handicapped children and assisting with office work for various community organizations took part in the award ceremonies at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. the other night.

The National Center for Voluntary Action, in choosing the group, in effect chose Staten Island as an outstanding community in this regard.

Those who are capable of helping people, including those in their own age bracket who need assistance, a friendly hand or even a telephone call are finding that their prime reward is a personal satisfaction. Yet this kind of recognition is especially gratifying.

The idea that becoming old means being put on the shelf via retirement, a decline in income and a lack of interest by younger people is definitely refuted in this accomplishment. There's life in the old boys and girls yet.