

## Willowbrook alternative listed

A private organization, TRIUMPH, officially unveiled plans yesterday in Manhattan for the development of a small resident facility in Queens to treat mentally retarded children.

Alan M. Guthartz, head of the organization, said the TRIUMPH proposal is patterned after the Danish system which houses mentally retarded children in their own communities. The proposed "village" would have only 60 patients with a staff-patient ratio of 1 to 1 to insure that the retardate receives individual treatment. TRIUMPH was formed after

Guthartz visited Willowbrook State School last January. Shocked at conditions there, he enlisted the support of businessmen, politicians and state doctors in developing and presenting an alternative method of treatment for the retardate.

The sponsors say the village will have full range of nursery through school-age instructional programs; an outpatient rehabilitation and home care program, and job placement and follow-up programs.

According to Guthartz funding for the pilot program will come from state and federal

funds and private donations. The organization hopes that approximately 200 villages will be built in New York State.

And the group is using Willowbrook, which they term as a "warehouse approach of caring for the mentally handicapped," as a rallying point for support.