

On The Isle

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Now that wreaths have disappeared from the doors and Christmas goodies have been stashed away, Staten Islanders are getting back to community activities.

the Willowbrook Volunteer Advisory Council, which was formed last September, will try to get more volunteers with a reception Saturday, Jan. 27, in Building One, from 1 to 3 p.m.

According to Mrs. Fredda Isaacs, member of the council, anyone interested in learning about the program and how he or she can help will be able to speak to volunteers and residents at the reception.

No Special Training

"No special training to be a volunteer is needed," explained Mrs. Isaacs. "Only the willingness to spend two hours or more with a resident. Walk around with them, maybe take the out in to the community, anything—as long as it gives a child some tender loving care for a period of time."

She explained that the council is readying three new programs for grandparents, married couples, and teenagers. "The object friend for a day," she said.

"We're desperately in need of volunteers and we feel that our reception may be able to give people an insight into what these kids are really all about. We're hoping for a good turnout, needless to say."

Meanwhile, those wishing to inquire about the council's work should contact Melvin Hicks at Willowbrook. The number is 698-1440.

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Visitor plan set at Willowbrook

The Willowbrook Advisory Council, meeting last night at Willowbrook State School, announced that a program intended to encourage residents of Staten Island to work with the residents of Willowbrook has been initiated.

Entitled "Adopt a Friend for a Day," the program will consist of three sections, for grandparents, for married couples and for teen-agers.

"The object," explained Mrs. Jerome Isaacs, a council member, "is to draw out people from these three groups and have them come to Willowbrook to spend some time with the residents."

A reception will be held Jan. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Building 1 of the school to acquaint anyone interested with the

workings of the program. It was emphasized that no special training is needed for a volunteer to participate.

It was also announced that a Cub Scout troop comprised of residents of the school has been formed with the help of various Island college groups.