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STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE, Thursday, July 18, 1974

Kin grateful for Willowbrook

Please allow me a few minutes to let the people of Staten Island realize how very lucky they are to have a wonderful place like Willowbrook State School.

They should get on their knees and thank the good Lord every day for those dedicated and good people who work there. I know. My sister is there and I bless them for the marvelous care given to her.

In the first place, if they were easily taken care of, why aren't they at home? I know it isn't easy to take care of these unfortunate people. There are nurses and doctors right near — even for a cold. My sister's leg hurt her. She cannot talk. They X-rayed it three different places. Could I do that? No! No! I couldn't afford it.

There is a Mrs. Quaglieri (spelling excused) who works there. She is an understanding, kind woman. Dr. Ristich, the director is so good. Mrs. Mistrata, Mrs. Barkowitz of Bldg. 11 — God bless you all.

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STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE, Wednesday, July 17, 1974

Willowbrook outing enjoyed

While waiting for the Bonanza Steak Pit in New Dorp to open Tuesday morning, I noticed a bus load of children getting out of a bus near the restaurant.

They were children from Willowbrook State School; a group of boys and girls being taken out for lunch. They were very orderly and respectful, yet they were having a great deal of fun, while waiting for the restaurant to open.

It gave me great personal joy to observe the group, because as I became more involved, I could feel the love and concern the leaders of this group displayed toward the children and also the love the children had for the leaders and for each other.

It was indeed good news to see first hand that the children from Willowbrook can be so happy because they are treated so nicely. It made me very happy and I would like the group to know this: Happiness is contagious!

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