8 Islanders to be cited at Council awards dinner

The Greater New York Council on Mental Retardation will honor a handful of Staten Islanders who are associated with the Willowbrook Developmental Center at its first dinner and awards ceremony tomorrow night in Manhattan.

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly will host the event which is designed to honor individuals and programs throughout the city who have improved the quality of life within agencies and communities where State Department of Mental Hygiene facilities are located. The Willowbrook center is operated by the department.

Islanders who are to receive awards include Mrs. Carol Holland of Willowbrook's Human Rights Board; Mrs. Genevieve Caman, president of the Parents Organization; Dorothy Lewis,

Sylvia Cunningham, Betty King, Gwendolyn Bryant, Hector Nieves and Ulysses Bell, all employes, and Dr. Levester Cannon, the institution's director.

The Willowbrook Consumer Advisory Board and the late Mrs. Elsie Burton, a former employe, will also receive awards.

The awards program will begin at 6 p.m. at the New Smalls' Paradise, Seventh Ave. near 135th St. in Manhattan. Segments include the awards ceremonies, a film, buffet, special Ophelia De-Vore Models fashion show of summer clothing, the Eddie Moore's Fabulous Flapper Follies and dancing until 4 a.m.

Cost is \$15 a person with proceeds earmarked for bus trips, films, public meetings, workshops and a monthly newsletter. The program is open to the public.