

## Foster grandparents to be feted

By MARY ENGELS

Fourteen Staten Island foster grandparents will be honored tomorrow at the Capitol Hotel, Lakewood, N. J., for years of dedicated service to various Island organizations.

Organizations include the Staten Island Developmental Center, Staten Island Mental Health, Down's Syndrome Learning Center, and United Cerebral Palsy Karl Warner and Nina Eaton Centers.

Fiorella Cicero, chairman of the program, said that board members felt the volunteers—ranging in age from 67 to 78—should be recognized and honored for “their unselfish devotion and love they give.”

“They (foster grandparents) tend to become involved in therapy and educational programs with

those they work with by helping to reinforce the efforts of therapists and teachers,” said Cicero. “The benefits derived by the volunteers and residents of the various centers where they work, go hand in hand.”

The volunteer Foster Grandparents Program is a unit of ACTION, the federal government's agency for volunteer service. Under this program, persons 60 years or over spend four hours a day five days a week helping emotionally, physically and mentally handicapped children.

The 14 to be honored are: Lucy Arturi, Marguerite Blake, Amelia Bovenizer, Martha Dale, Eleanor Durso, Bernard Fair, Marie Fecci, and Marie Wille.

Also Frances Grimaldi, Mary Korniewicz, Molly Krause, Sarah Santiago, Mary Stuart, and Millie Vitale. ■