

## Disabled given holiday parties

Christmas came a few days early for residents at the Staten Island Developmental Center.

"The Friends of the Children of Willowbrook State School" have

been sponsoring a series of Christmas parties for the developmentally disabled and handicapped children and adults on Staten Island.

Last night, the group's largest party was held in Building 10 of the Willowbrook school.

The series concludes tonight with a party at the South Beach Psychiatric Center adolescent ward, in the Ocean Breeze facility's F Building.

The central party last evening was preceded by a smaller one at the Institute for Basic Research, also in Willowbrook.

Other parties that the Friends of Willowbrook sponsored were held at the Eden II Institute for Autistic Children in Dongan Hills, Sea View Hospital and Home, and the Anna Erika Home in New Brighton.



Bernice Cleveland, left, a team leader at the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook, and Fiorello Cicero, standing right, chief of service, talk with residents of the center at a Christmas party sponsored by the Friends of Willowbrook.

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