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Genevieve Camen, right, is handed the keys to the new van from Robert Witkowsky, as Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connolly and residents of the home look on.

## Van donated to group home

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Residents of two group home buildings in the Staten Island Developmental Center will find getting around much easier, thanks to a gift they received this weekend.

Yesterday, the Willowbrook Chapter of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children donated a 15-passenger van to buildings 50 and 51 of the center.

At least 12 clients of the facility will become van passengers

through the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services Office.

Genevieve A. Camen, president of the society, said it was not just the work of her society that made the purchase of the \$22,008 van possible.

"It is through the public's compassionate donations, and participation in our annual fund-raising luncheon that we were able to help those who cannot help themselves," said Mrs. Camen, a Bulls Head resident. "We want to thank

everyone for their support."

The benevolent society this year celebrates its 40th anniversary. In the past members have also donated washing machines, dryers, televisions, clothing and trips.

"Our organization has been very fruitful in helping," she added.

The 15-passenger, air-conditioned van is fully equipped for patients requiring ambulatory care. Those restricted to wheelchairs will not be using this van.

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## Corrections

The owner of Video Image, a Great Kills video store, was robbed of \$800 as he opened his store Thursday morning. Mario DiNatale told the Advance yesterday that the amount of the theft reported in a story Friday was incorrect.

The Willowbrook Chapter of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, through its president Genevieve Camen, presented the keys to a 15-passenger van Sunday to Robert Witkowsky, director of the Staten Island Developmental Center. The information was listed incorrectly in the Advance yesterday.