



Arthur Kill Correctional Facility honors 100 volunteers

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - One hundred volunteers at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility in Charleston were honored last night with a recognition dinner in the state prison's visiting room.

Those recognized included tutors, instructors in creative arts, drama and music, and leaders of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

There are also Rising Hope college classes offered, and weekly religious services in various denominations.

The evening's guest speaker was the Rev. Jack Ryan, director of external relations for Project Hospitality, who spoke about the importance of volunteerism.

Longtime volunteer Mary F. Eberhardt was awarded the seventh annual Hattie Davis Memorial award, while Amy Lynn Karnbach was named volunteer of the year.

"Volunteers represent to our inmates a connection with the outside world," said Dennis Breslin, superintendent of the medium-security facility.

"They demonstrate to our inmates that people do care about them and think that despite their criminal record, there is hope for the future."

The dinner was organized and hosted by staff members of the prison, with funds for the event provided by inmates.

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