

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER:

Someone Who Cares

A 16mm Sound Motion Picture
22 Minutes Black and White



Mental and emotional illness has become our number one health problem. Today, there are more hospitalized victims of mental and emotional illnesses than of cancer, heart disease, polio, tuberculosis, and all other ailments combined. Quite often when we, the public, are aware of a problem, we ask ourselves, "How can we help?" The film *Someone Who Cares* shows how we can brighten the lives of the mentally ill by offering our services in a mental hospital volunteer program.

Someone Who Cares was produced for use by mental health associations, various adult groups, and service clubs to:

- encourage lay people to offer their services as mental hospital volunteers;
- show the ways in which individuals can participate in a mental hospital volunteer program;
- show some of the social and recreational needs of mental hospital patients;
- suggest the extent of mental illness in our country today.

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Description of Contents

Beginning with scenes typifying the hustle and bustle of daily life, the film **Someone Who Cares** points out the extent of mental illness in our country today and explains that people from all walks of life can become victims of some kind of mental or emotional disorder.

Shows some of the conditions that exist in mental hospitals, such as overcrowded sleeping quarters and dark wards, and describes the monotonous, lonely days of the mental patient. In contrast, pictures the activity and liveliness in wards where a mental hospital volunteer program is in operation.



Poses the question, "Who are these volunteers?" and in answer shows at their daily work men and women who are volunteers—the professional woman, the business man, the housewife. Samples the program these and other volunteers are bringing to mental patients including library services, games of group participation, music, and a birthday party. Interprets the program in terms of the benefits derived by both the patient and the volunteer.

Shows how prospective volunteers are oriented to the program and how they become members of an active volunteer group. Emphasizes the needs of mental patients—from the very old to the very young—and shows how the volunteer program contributes to the satisfaction of many of these needs. Exalts the volunteer as a friend to those in need—the someone who cares.



FILM CREDITS

Members of the production crew: Bruce R. Buckley, Charles Bromley, Jerrold Kemp, Wilburt Koontz, William Wheeler

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Narrator: John Weigle

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