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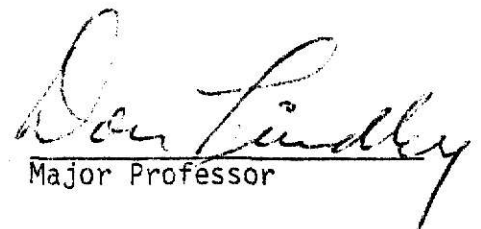
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Chapter 1

THE PROBLEM

Volunteers are widely recognized as an important resource to the effective coordination, conduction, and evaluation of programs in the health, social, and physical domains of study. Due to the lack of communication of researchers and practitioners in over 30 fields of knowledge and practice, information about voluntary action has been minimal.

According to Cull, there is an interest and a need to research member composition of various types of voluntary groups in terms of age, sex, socioeconomic status, and education. (10:142)

Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study was to determine the characteristics of female volunteers in three therapeutic settings in Rochester, New York, in October, 1979. More specifically, the study attempted to:

1. Determine the characteristics of members in the three therapeutic settings in terms of: age, marital status, social class, education, and religion.
2. Determine the reasons and motivations for females to volunteer.
3. Determine the importance of volunteer work to the individual.

Limitations

Certain factors were present in this study and were not controlled.

1. Validity of the questionnaire form was not controlled for the subjects' accuracy and consistency of interpretation.