

ACTIVISTS OF THE FUTURE VISIT WCC

They came because of WCC's listing on the Internet. On July 2nd, seven middle school girls from the Community Life program of Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service arrived at the WCC offices as part of their study of New York City's organizations and locations. Educational Counselor, Martha Andrade-Dousdebés, and Volunteer Coordinator Trish Gough had sought a relevant and participatory “women's” organization for the girls to visit. The WCC website intrigued them and, more importantly, the WCC mission and record related to the mission of their organization. Founded in 1958 LSA/FHS provides a wide range of services and classes for families in the East Harlem community including health services, exercise groups, and classes in English language, nutrition, and computer use. This summer the girls from the Community Life program will survey a number of the city's sites and institutions; non-profits, museums, and parks are among their planned destinations. In the fall the girls will be paired with volunteer mentors in the organizations they select. **Blanche Lawton, Barbara Zucker** and **Joan Fabio** described the activities of WCC and its almost 100 year history of civic activism. And incidentally the visitors shared the birthday celebration and cake for Jorge Ruiz who had answered the first phone call from LSA/FHS and followed up the inquiry that led to the visit.