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**Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disaster Awarded \$35,000 to Support Disaster Recovery Efforts**

April 24, 2014 (Vestal, NY)... Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc. (BCCOAD) is pleased to announce it has received a \$35,000 grant from the Harriet Ford Dickenson Fund of the Community Foundation for South Central New York. BCCOAD will use the funds to improve the organization's capacity to respond to disaster, streamline and centralize the community's response to disasters, and provide disaster preparation, response and recovery resources to the community. BCCOAD is also supported by United Way of Broome County, which contributes office space, equipment, and supplies for the organization's director.

"This award marks a huge step forward in BCCOAD's young history," said Shelbi DuBord, Director of BCCOAD. "With these funds, we will build a stronger foundation for the organization, create a strategic plan for our future, and improve collaboration between our members. We have a lot in store for this year." The organization is holding a reception on June 3, 2014 to celebrate and to encourage new members, and will feature a keynote speaker from the New York State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster board of directors. If interested in attending, please contact the Director at [sdubord@uwbroome.org](mailto:sdubord@uwbroome.org) or (607) 240-2014.

**About Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc.**

Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated helping people recover after a community disaster. BCCOAD exists to promote a collaborative structure to coordinate the work of community agencies and associated organizations in an ongoing effort to prepare for, and respond to, disaster related needs in Broome County, New York. This includes fostering an efficient streamlined service delivery to those effected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery. For more information on BCCOAD or to apply for membership, please visit [www.bccoad.org](http://www.bccoad.org).