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Klee Foundation Grants \$300,000 to United Way for Aid to Flood Victims

(Vestal, NY)— The Conrad and Virginia Klee Foundation is granting \$300,000 to United Way of Broome County to aid flood victims in Broome County, Judith Peckham, Executive Director of the Klee Foundation, announced today.

The funds from the Klee Foundation will be added to other funds for flood relief that has been received by United Way. The grant will be distributed through a case management process in partnership with Broome County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (BCCCOAD) to people with flood damage needs not met by funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), insurance, or other sources.

About 9,000 Broome County households have registered with FEMA thus far (the deadline for registering is in mid December), and about 5,600 of these have been determined to be eligible for housing assistance. The numbers show that this flood has impacted about 20,000 people, or more than 10 percent of Broome County's population. These statistics are about double those for the 2006 flood in Broome County.

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“The Klee Foundation is granting this money to United Way of Broome County because we know this flooding has harmed thousands in our county and we wanted to help,” said Ms. Peckham. “The Foundation is committed to nurturing a healthy community.”

“On behalf of the United Way and all of the flood victims this donation will help, I would like to thank the Klee Foundation for its tremendous generosity, “ stated Alan Hertel, Executive Director of United Way of Broome County. “This grant will go a long way to helping people rebuild their homes and their lives. One hundred percent of the money will go to flood recovery and rebuilding needs for people in Broome County.”

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