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Nassau County Comptroller's Office Announces Audit Results for *Broken But Not Destroyed* Emergency Shelter Provider

MINEOLA, NY – The Nassau County Comptroller's office has completed an audit of Broken But Not Destroyed (BBND) Corporation, a Franklin Square, NY based non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter services to Nassau County residents. The audit, which covered the shelter's financial operations from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021, exposed numerous significant issues in the organization's operations, including ongoing violations of contractual and regulatory requirements. Auditors found that BBND's management:

- Used government funds to pay for personal expenses including mortgage, tuition, and personal credit card payments;
- Deposited more than \$680,000 in government funds into bank accounts other than the non-profit's reported accounts;
- Diverted \$37,000 of government funds to missionary work, including activities on the island of Jamaica in the West Indies;
- Failed to: maintain required payroll records, pay the Living Wage or grant compensated leave time to several employees, and accurately report wages to state and federal taxing authorities; and
- Were unwilling or unable to provide supporting documentation for most of the disbursements reviewed by auditors.

"We have had concerns about the management of Broken But Not Destroyed for some time," said Nancy Nunziata, LMSW, Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Social Services. "The Comptroller's audit provides us with the facts we need to take action on the situation."

BBND operates three locations in Nassau County – two for men and one for women and children. The County provides approximately \$1 million annually for the services, which constitute its entire operating budget. Fifty percent of the funding comes from the federal government, 25 percent from New York State, and 25 percent in County funds.

"Auditing of agencies that do business with Nassau County is an essential function of the Comptroller's Office," said Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. "This is an excellent example of how Comptroller audits can uncover and facilitate remediation of waste, fraud, and inefficiency."

For more information about the audit visit:

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39508/Review-of-Broken-But-Not-Destroyed-Emergency-Shelter>, call (516) 571-2386, or email nccomptroller@nassaucountyny.gov.

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