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SCORE Opens a Chapter at the Lakes Venture Resource Center

In a collaborative effort between Laconia Savings Bank, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), the Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC), and Southern New Hampshire University, a subchapter of SCORE was opened today at the Lakes Venture Resource Center in Gilford. On hand were Tom Garfield, Senior Vice President of Laconia Savings Bank, Leo Glasheen of SCORE, and Eliza Leadbeater, Executive Director of the BCEDC.

Through in depth confidential counseling and training, SCORE helps prospective and established small business owners and managers identify problems, determine the causes, and find solutions. SCORE volunteers are either retired or active business owners or managers from the corporate sector or county, state and federal government. . SCORE is a nonprofit organization that makes every effort to match an individual's needs with a counselor who is experienced in a compatible line of business. All counseling is free of charge and can be customized to fit almost any schedule. Any business owner or private citizen is invited to call the BCEDC offices at 524-3057 for an appointment.

Glasheen, along with three other SCORE members are in the process of establishing a full fledged chapter in the Lakes Region. The area of coverage consists of 52 cities and towns. Geographically, they are providing services as far north as Warner and Waterville, all municipalities throughout the Lakes Region, east to Wolfborough and Wakefield and southerly just above the Concord Area

The Lakes Venture Resource Center is located at 2 Airport Road (Southern New Hampshire University Center) in Gilford. In addition to SCORE, the Center also offers a Business Information Center open to the public, which includes a library of materials on all aspects of business, including information for non-profit organizations. The LVRC opened last month and has the mission of fostering entrepreneurship within the Lakes Region.



Pictured above from L to R: Leo Glasheen, Counselor, SCORE and Tom Garfield, Senior Vice President, Laconia Savings Bank.