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Belknap County Economic Development Council

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Laconia Savings Bank Supports New SCORE Office

Laconia Savings Bank strengthened support to small business with the award of a grant to SCORE. The grant will further the efforts to establish a Lakes Region chapter. SCORE is often referred to as the mentors or counselors to America's Small Business. The counselors are co-housed at the Lakes Venture Resource Center with the Belknap County Economic Development Council, nhfirstJob, Business Information Center and Small Business Development Center. Leo Glasheen accepted the grant on behalf of SCORE.

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 most schedules. 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 Warren and Waterville, all municipalities throughout the Lakes Region, including areas to the west such as Andover and Salisbury and then 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; Tom Garfield, Senior Vice President, Laconia Savings Bank and Eric MacDonald, Finance Manager, BCEDC.