

## **SCORE Offers Free Help to Small Businesses**

Area small businesses, non-profits and entrepreneurs can turn to the Madison Chapter of SCORE for free help in starting and growing their enterprises.

According to president Bob Sands, "We are seeing an increase in small businesses wanting to take advantage of the expertise our consultants offer."

Over 500 individuals have received help this year through face-to-face meetings, attending seminars and on-site mentoring.

"Our consultants represent a cross-section of professionals who have a proven track record of success and want to see local businesses do well," adds Sands.

"We provide an unbiased view of new product and service ideas. We also supply business plan development for those looking for financing and marketing tips for growing businesses," notes Sands.

There is no charge for consulting and mentoring services. The chapter serves Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland and Sauk counties.

More information about the services offered by SCORE is available at [www.madison.score.org](http://www.madison.score.org) or by calling the office at 608.441.2820.

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