



South Central Dakota Regional Council

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SCDRC remains fully committed to supporting local businesses and working with persons wanting to form businesses in the nine county region. We collaborate in this vital mission with our partners at The Entrepreneur Center, The University of Jamestown, JSDC, SCORE, The Chamber of Commerce, the local economic development corporations and job development authorities to name a few.

This newsletter issue focuses on these efforts.

We recently received this letter from Guardian Angels, Inc.



Guardian Angels, Incorporated was launched over three years ago as a new business in Jamestown with the goal to provide services and care to a variety of individuals. Guardian Angels provides in-home care to promote senior independence, serving as guardians for those in need, serving as representative payees for those needing financial help, working with the State providing OSP services and then serving as federal fiduciaries for the VA. Joan Martin, Director, states “without the help and education from the Regional Council, we would not have come this far.” “Funding was really a nightmare and after turning to the Regional Council for advice on how to run a business, marketing and how to connect with existing programs they taught us how to put all of the pieces together and the results were unreal!” The first official client was in January 2015 and as of this date we are now serving 150 individuals in various capacities. In December 2017 we made our last payment to the financial institution that gave us the second chance when no one else would and we are now able to expand the program, offering more services and heading in the direction of expanding the service area. Martin states “our advice to anyone starting a business is to get involved with the Regional Council right away. You will get the tools you need to go through all the difficult steps to make a business grow and, of course you will have ups and downs but it is certainly worth it in the long run.” Joan Martin and Margo Haut are the directors.



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**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE ON HOW
TO
START A NEW BUSINESS OR GROW AN
EXISTING BUSINESS**

Are you looking to start up a new business? Looking to improve your business? Then SCORE is here to help you! The Senior Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) is a National non-profit organization that is made up mostly of retired business owners who offer their confidential advice on establishing and running a business.

SCORE can provide confidential information on developing your business plan, information on working with the State Department, marketing and financing ideas to name a few areas. Mentors will sit down with you to discuss your ideas for starting a business or growing your present business. Usually two mentors meet with you in a private setting and will keep your ideas confidential. We can help you build that business plan that you will need as you seek financial assistance.

The SCORE office is headquartered in the Regional Council offices at the Legacy Center, 419 5th St NE in Jamestown; phone #701-952-8060. You can also contact chapter Chair Dave Smette at 320-6268 or smette@daktel.com.

Upcoming Events:

January sessions available to people interested in starting a business:

We wish to thank Katherine Roth at the Entrepreneur Center for sharing this information. If you have any questions please contact Katherine at 701-253-4112 or SCDRC.

- **January 15th** at 2pm; Paul Backstrom of **Precision Ag Results** shares his journey into business ownership at the Coachman Inn in Cooperstown, ND.
- **January 17th** at 5:15-6:15pm; Mary DePuydt, Owner of **DePuydt Law Firm** in Wishek, ND will discuss forming a small business at Big Screen Bar & Grill in Wishek, ND.
- **January 23rd** at 6-7:30pm at Alfred Dickey Library, Jamestown; Kari Bies, Owner of **Rumplequiltskin**, Wishek, ND shares how she started her small business. Pre-register at 701-252-2217.
- **January 29th** at 4:30-5:30pm; Anita Fettig, Owner of **Nita's Attic** in Napoleon and Jamestown will talk about starting several small business at White Maid Diner in Napoleon, ND.

