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## Press Release

### Greater Binghamton Chapter of SCORE Selects Otsego County Chamber of Commerce Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

**Binghamton, NY, October 16, 2016:**

The Greater Binghamton Chapter of SCORE has selected The Otsego County Chamber of Commerce in Oneonta, NY, as its Not-For-Profit Business of the Year for 2016. The Otsego County Chamber of Commerce was chosen for this honor because of the following key criteria:

- Growing Chamber membership actively
- Leveraging SCORE's expertise for multiple strategic planning sessions with the Chamber's full Board of Directors and actively implementing the strategic initiatives
- Partnering with SCORE in defining and executing small business seminars, facilitating multiple roundtable discussions and one-on-one follow up interviews
- Partnering with SCORE in structuring the agenda for a Small Business Development Summit, during which more than 200 businesses attended
- Developing a Business Resource Center that functions as a point of integration for businesses across Otsego County
- Leading a workforce development initiative focused on first-career youth
- Identifying for SCORE engagement a number of small businesses as part of the Hartwick College entrepreneurial program
- Referring clients to SCORE, serving as a positive reference for SCORE to other chambers of commerce and supporting a staff member's professional goal to become a certified SCORE mentor

Since 1986, the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce has served the businesses and communities of Otsego County with programs and services designed to foster strong economic growth and make the county a great place to live and work. The Chamber's accomplishments were recognized by The Business Council of New York State with the designation of 2013 Chamber of the Year. In 2016 the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 30th business anniversary, which is represented by the symbol of the Pearl. During this milestone year the Chamber will showcase through various events and activities its strength and resilience as an organization and its confidence as it looks ahead to the future. Visit [www.otsegocc.com](http://www.otsegocc.com) for further information.

About SCORE: SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. We have been doing this for nearly fifty years. Because our work is supported by the U.S.

Small Business Administration (SBA), and thanks to our network of 11,000+ volunteers, we are able to deliver our services at no charge.

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