

Mary Jane Good
SCORE Greater Cincinnati #34



Mary Jane Good was recognized at the annual 2016 SBA Small Business Awards dinner in Columbus with an "Excellence in Leadership" Award presented to her by Martin Golden, District Director, Columbus District Office, SBA. [Read about her award here.](#)

What is your professional background?

I retired as Regional Vice President of Spherion, Inc. a 4 billion dollar Outsourcing and Human Resource Staffing firm after 24 years of service. My position was to open and grow new markets. Our home office was in Atlanta Georgia and I was hired to help open the Chicago market. Was transferred to the new Franchise Division and my responsibilities were to find the franchisee, support them in opening, and train them to grow the business in these new cities. We grew this Division to 210 locations throughout the Continental United States, Hawaii, and Canada. Overall with these and company locations we had 420 offices.

How did you learn about SCORE, and what prompted you to get involved?

I was volunteering with another non-profit agency when I heard about SCORE. The mission and purpose of SCORE suited well with my background and I've enjoyed every moment of being a member of our organization since I joined in 2002.

In what ways are you involved as a volunteer with SCORE?

Currently I serve as Southern Ohio District Director and have had this position for 6 years. I acted as Associate District Director the 3 years previous. From 2005 to 2007, I was Greater Cincinnati's first woman Chapter Chair. My first year in office our Chapter won National Chapter of the Year; the second year in office we won 1st Runner up Nationally for this award. While serving as Vice Chair, I initiated the Chapter's Outreach Committee. We contacted and spoke with clubs, organizations, and city officials, had booths at business events, met with the various banks (receiving grant monies), were active with various Chambers including the Hispanic, and African American Chamber, and sat on the

Greater Cincinnati's Chamber Small Business Advisory Board. I enjoyed being a member of the Workshop Committee and served on this committee for several years. I am active in our Chapter's Outreach, Marketing, and Recruiting committees and serve as one of the co-chairs on the city of Cincinnati's Small Business Advisor Board.

What do you enjoy the most about your volunteer experience?

My experience with SCORE is that you never stop learning. You learn from other volunteers, your clients and National. SCORE's Mission on supporting and growing small business keeps me involved in the organization. It is a sincere pleasure seeing a client come to SCORE for counseling and with our input and their hard work, a new business is started and we, in our way, had a hand in it.

Do you have any advice for current SCORE volunteers?

Get involved early. Don't wait to be invited to join a committee, workshop or function. There are so many opportunities for you to contribute. Also, if you have an idea which you think would be of benefit to your Chapter and it's not being done - step up and volunteer to take it on.

Hobbies, Spare Time Activities:

Active Reader, enjoy history and political reading. Member of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and General Federation of Women's Clubs.