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Business mentoring group honors downtown Petoskey café

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Julienne Tomatoes owners Tom Sheffler (from left) and Julie Adams are joined by First Community Bank representatives Gregg Garver, Scott Peters and William Savard and Tip of the Mitt SCORE business counselor Stephen Billings at a breakfast celebrating the Petoskey café's selection for the annual First Community Bank SCORE Award.

basis and at no charge.

Julienne Tomatoes' owners sought the local SCORE group's counsel when preparing for the 2003 opening of their café. Since then, they've followed up with counselors when facing questions about topics such as human resources, and when considering new business offerings.

SCORE counselors noted that the Julienne Tomatoes owners have worked with their group many times through the the years and have grown the operation into a very successful restaurant and catering business.

To Adams, the SCORE award was "a delightful surprise."

"We really feel fortunate to have this group in our community, and offering complimentary services," said Adams.

To arrange an appointment with local SCORE counselors, current and prospective business operators can contact Erin Ver Berkmoes at the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, (231) 347-4150.

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When considering major business steps, the owners of Julienne Tomatoes have often sought advice from the

SCORE business counseling organization's local affiliate.

And as SCORE's Tip of the Mitt chapter sees it, the downtown Petoskey café's initiative and follow-through deserve recognition.

Julienne Tomatoes owners Julie Adams and Tom Sheffler recently received the second annual First Community Bank SCORE Award. This honor, which the local SCORE affiliate presents with support from First Community Bank, celebrates a client that seeks our SCORE's counsel for a business situation, works with counselors on a plan of action and moves forward with outstanding results. As part of the award, recipients are provided with \$1,500 to use at their discretion.

SCORE is made up of retired executives with expertise in many facets of business. These counselors volunteer their time to mentor entrepreneurs on a confidential