



Greater Topeka Partnership hosts business networking event

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TOPEKA, Kan (WIBW) -- The Greater Topeka Partnership held their largest business networking event of the year all day Tuesday.

"It's kind of nice to reach across the aisle and meet some of these folks. And we all have the same thing in common," Justin Glasgow with Performance Tire & Auto said.

The Business Expo featured dozens of organizations.

"It's great for us to show who our members are and great for them to tell the community what they can do," Ashlee Spring with the Partnership said.

"We'd be glad to have visitors anytime. We're proud to show off what we have going on there," Mary Alice Stroud with the McCrite Plaza Women's Basketball Team added.

Businesses offered headshots

smoothies, autographs, and even games for people.

"Our industry is not sexy by any means, so we're trying to have fun showing people that we have a little personality and like to have fun too," Glasgow said.

Businesses found a way to creatively connect with other owners and the public.

Prior to the expo the Partnership hosted the Small Business Summit.

Small Business leaders sat in on several workshops and roundtable discussions.

They also heard from international speaker Paul Vitale. He delivered a message on community support and partnerships.

"This is not only a message that hopefully will once again fire up the front line,



but also remind people of the importance of Topeka and what there is to do and see and to offer in this community," Vitale explained.

The Topeka Partnership hopes these events continue to strengthen the community's support of local businesses.

"The businesses in Topeka really shape our community and um it's important for us to support local and shop local and utilize businesses within our community to help our community grow," Spring added.

