Pittsburgh SCORE sponsored Small Business Saturday promotional events at both Fox Chapel Plaza and Hartwood Towne Corner Shops in support of the several small businesses located in these areas.

To ‘kickstart’ the festivities, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was conducted at each location, welcoming shoppers and providing a history about the importance of small business in the American economy. Jon Burnett, award-winning weatherman of KDKA-TV news was the featured speaker and designated ‘Celebrity Shopper’.

The shoppers were further treated with special offers by each of the participating businesses, prize drawings and a Scavenger Hunt. The fun Scavenger Hunt brought the shoppers through each of the stores in search of clues. Those who successfully completed the event were rewarded by being entered in a prize drawing with products and services donated by the small business participants.

SCORE appreciates the contributions made by each business that took part in the Small Business Saturday promotions and looks forward to providing support services in the future.

About SCORE Pittsburgh

For more information on the Pittsburgh SCORE chapter, a resource partner of the US Small Business Administration, please visit them at www.pittsburgh.score.org or call 412-395-6560 x380 to learn how they can help you. SCORE is a business counseling/mentoring organization providing free counseling resources and advice to people who are in business or want to start a business. SCORE also provides free or low-cost workshops on various business topics. Volunteer counselors are experienced owners or managers of businesses that volunteer their time to help small businesses succeed.

Mary Lee Gannon, ACC, CAE was recently presented the Honorary Woman of Courage Award by Julie Marx-Lally, CEO and Executive Director of Pennsylvania Women Work at the organization’s annual dinner at the Fairmont with 330 guests. Mary Lee is the President of St. Margaret Foundation and founder of StartingOverNow.com, an executive coaching firm. Her personal turnaround came as a single mother of four children who, after a divorce that landed the family on public assistance, reinvented her life to support her family. Mary Lee gives back by providing pro-bono consulting services to a number of organizations. Her other awards include: Lifetime Achievement Award by Pittsburgh Society of Association Executives, Woman of Integrity by Pittsburgh Professional Women and Leading Lady by Oakland Catholic. Both women are residents of O’Hara Township.