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### **Taylorsville Partners with SCORE to Help Local Businesses**

Taylorsville City and SCORE have partnered to help Taylorsville businesses who may be struggling or are trying to grow. So far the partnership has assisted a half dozen businesses in Taylorsville with things like marketing, finances, legal advice, business plans, and viability studies, all at no cost to the business owners or Taylorsville taxpayers.

“This partnership has been mutually beneficial to these businesses and to Taylorsville,” said Mayor Russ Wall. “We care about our businesses and want them to succeed.”

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to encouraging the formation, growth, and success of small business through counseling and mentor programs. They are funded by the Small Business Administration and have over 30 mentors in the Salt Lake area.

According to SCORE mentor Ron Baron, Taylorsville is the first city for SCORE to partner with in this outreach program. Baron said that the SCORE mentors are former presidents of companies and executives who feel it’s important to give back to the business community. “Because we’ve had so much interest, we have set aside one day per week to take appointments at Taylorsville City Hall,” Baron said. “We’ve seen businesses making progress and that is exciting for us.”

One of those businesses is Anchor Water Damage and Restorations, owned by Taylorsville residents Kris and Frank Rudarmel. The Rudarmels are looking to expand their location to continue growing their business. “These mentors have given us ideas and helped us think outside the box,” Kris Rudarmel said. “We are getting help to market in a sea of competitors.”

Wayne Harper from Taylorsville’s Economic Development department has helped find businesses who can benefit from mentoring. “Part of the mission of the city is not only to recruit new businesses, but to help existing businesses grow,” said Harper. “SCORE is doing a fantastic job of meeting and providing expertise that the city doesn’t have. Our city has a lean budget, so this was a creative way to help our Taylorsville businesses without using scarce city tax dollars.”

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