The Brecksville Chamber of Commerce recently launched its “Buy Brecksville” program, which is aimed at encouraging shoppers and large businesses to shop and source goods locally. The Brecksville Chamber has a good reason to shift dollars to local shops. Actually, they have six good reasons. And here they are:

- **Spreading the Wealth**: For every $1 spent locally, $2 to $3.50 circulate around the community.
- **Fostering Creativity**: The number of patents produced by small businesses is 13 times greater than at larger companies.
- **Making an Impact**: Small businesses account for 40% of all business receipts in the U.S.
- **Putting People to Work**: Two-thirds of America’s net new jobs are created by small business.
- **Creating Jobs**: Small businesses account for about 50% of U.S. jobs.
- **Doing Good**: 90% of small business owners donate money to charity while 70% donate time and money.

Sources: American Independent Business Alliance, Paychex, U.S. News & World Report