## The Power of Partnerships



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n rural markets, every connection counts — creating meaningful customer experiences can be the difference between gaining a lifelong customer or losing them to a national competitor. That's where the power of partnership comes in, and I've seen firsthand how creative collaboration can unlock surprising value.

At Mobile Outfitters, we specialize in on-demand screen protection. That may not sound like a partnership at first, but here's the twist: because our product is made on-site and on-demand, our partners don't need to carry extensive inventory or guess what models their customers will bring in. That means fewer headaches, more margin, and ultimately, a better customer experience.

But the real magic happens when we move beyond product — and into partnership!

Recently, we partnered with Nex-Tech Wireless, a regional carrier based in Kansas, to launch a simple but powerful campaign: Bust Your Bill. The idea was straightforward — customers could bring in a competitor's phone bill and walk out with a free screen protector. No strings attached. If Nex-Tech Wireless could beat the bill, the customer switched. If not, they still walked away with a screen protector they absolutely love (which, by the way, they need to return to Nex-Tech Wireless to have it replaced in the future) and Nex-Tech Wireless walked away with something just as valuable: lead data.

That campaign wasn't just clever — it worked. Nex-Tech Wireless saw a 22% increase in screen protector sales across their locations. But more importantly, they gained a steady flow of qualified prospects.



Think about it: name, email, phone number, device type, what they're paying their current carrier — everything you'd want to know to make a compelling follow-up.

The only reason this kind of campaign works is because of the flexibility of on-demand screen protection. Traditional inventory models would never allow you to give away product without risking stockouts or overages. But when you can create a screen protector for any device on the spot no matter how old or obscure — it opens the door to entirely new kinds of engagement.

That's what partnerships should do: unlock more than the sum of their parts.

This isn't just a one-off story. We've seen time and time again that rural telcos and carriers are hungry for new ways to drive in-store traffic, create value, and stand out in a crowded market. But you don't always need a massive budget or a flashy national campaign. Sometimes, all it takes is a wellexecuted idea between the right partners with the right products.

At the end of the day, customers remember how you made them feel. They remember that you solved a problem. And they remember the little things — like walking into a local carrier and getting a free screen protector and a lower phone bill, all in one visit. CCa

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