

Daryl Nelson

Entrepreneur, Small Business Owner

Daryl has a bachelor's in Finance from Pennsylvania State University and a master's of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. For 4 years, he worked at an insurance company in the Controller's department and ran expense reporting and oversaw various software programs. Following that, he became the Controller & CFO for a paper packaging company with multiple warehouses, manufacturing locations, and national sales. All areas of the business, except for sales and manufacturing, reported directly to him.

In 2013, Daryl purchased a franchise location of Chick-fil-A Inc. and expanded it by adding two other locations in 2015. These operations have won repeated national awards for sales growth, performance, and operational excellence. He is also a successful real estate investor and developer with many years of experience. He currently owns Nelson Farms in rural Ohio and sells Lowline Angus Beef under a partnership with Jericho Farms.

In addition, Daryl serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Focus on Youth, a foster & adoptive agency.

He and his wife, Christy, have been foster parents for more than 10 years and have adopted 4 children.

