

Darlene Daggett is a 30 year participant in the multi-channel retail marketplace. She successfully launched an entrepreneurial career at 29 and subsequently during her 18 year tenure at QVC Inc, pioneered the exponential growth of one of the world's largest e-commerce retailers, growing the business 20 fold to sales of \$5 billion. Most recently as President, QVC U.S. Commerce, she was responsible for its strategic development, new business initiatives and critical customer insight.

Throughout her career, Darlene has been recognized by her peers for integrated social initiatives including the launch and cultivation of QVC's philanthropic program that involved both large fundraising efforts and on the ground field work. Darlene continues her strong voice in social business ventures as a delegate at both the Clinton Global Initiative and the Skoll World Forum for Social Entrepreneurs. In addition, she is an active member of the Advisory Board for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and the Board of Overseers at the Peabody-Essex Museum, in Salem, Massachusetts.

In April 2007, Darlene transitioned into her official second career as a Social Entrepreneur. As the mother of 4 children, 3 of whom are adopted, she frequently thought about what the future would have looked like for her daughters if they segued out of social system without an integrated support system. Given her passion for entrepreneurship, and a belief that employment provides an opportunity for an independent, and dignified future, she founded Ikatu, an operating foundation, to focus on the opportunities surrounding youth employability.

Combining her diverse business acumen and social sensibilities, Darlene hopes to initiate and lead change on transparency, accountability, partnerships, and hybrid business models.