In 1985, Sonny Lyon began building his empire of fast food, and after thirty years in the business, he developed good instincts for determining the restaurants that translate to the best long-term investments.

His daughters assist him at his office in Douglas, Georgia while each of their husbands manage the restaurants’ day-to-day activities. After a lifetime of growth, Lyon Investments employs 400 people at 18 South Georgia restaurants. He utilized an SBA 504 loan to finance the building for his latest venture, a Dairy Queen in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Lyon says he looks forward to bringing the third generation into the fold of this multigenerational family business. His other franchises include KFC, Taco Bell and others.

504 loans have added 53,162 jobs to the GA economy

$2.7 billion in financing to help GA small businesses

3,990 entrepreneurs in GA have benefited from program

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25 Jobs Created or Retained $635K Loan Coastal Area District Development Authority

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Tybee Wedding Chapel
Bone & Joint Institute of S. Georgia
Cutting Edge Stone
Chain Reaction Bicycles

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TYBEE WEDDING CHAPEL

Tybee Wedding Chapel is the premier wedding and special events facility on Tybee Island. Originally created as a movie prop, with no water or power, it had to be brought up to hurricane, wind, and special events code.

Just getting the building to its physical location was a challenge. It had to be taken apart, moved across town and reassembled. The business received two 504 loans from Small Business Assistance Corp. for development and expansion. Tybee Wedding Chapel has hosted over 230 weddings and receptions, hosting couples from seven other countries. It also holds meetings and conventions, including “Georgia Seminars by the Sea” Porcelain Arts School, which attracts artists and students from around the world. Every wedding requires about 47 onsite employees at a given time, and the local economy is positively impacted. This is a perfect example of how a Certified Development Company and a bank can come together and create a storybook ending for an entrepreneur, her community and brides around the world.