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Serena Software President and CEO John Nugent to join Joni and Friends board New member has 15-year history with ministry

AGOURA HILLS, Calif., Feb. 1, 2011 – [Joni and Friends International Disability Center](#) has announced an addition to its board of directors, welcoming software industry leader John Nugent to the Joni and Friends family. Nugent and his wife Marilyn began their long history with the ministry when her mother became affected by disability.

“When we first got to know John and Marilyn through their participation in our ministry events, we were impressed with their commitment and dedication to increasing the reach of disability ministry in our communities and around the world,” Joni and Friends President [Doug Mazza](#) said. “We are excited to have John lend his business acumen and experience in helping our board chart the best possible course for the ministry’s future.”



Nugent currently serves as the president and chief executive officer of Serena Software, the largest independent Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) vendor. A proven and successful executive with over thirty years of experience in the high-technology industry, Nugent has largely served in executive sales and operations roles. Prior to joining Serena, he served as Executive Vice President of worldwide operations at SAP Business Objects.

Before joining SAP in 2003, Nugent served in executive and senior sales management positions at Oracle Corporation for seventeen years, most recently as senior vice president of sales, and was responsible for managing all lines of business and market segments in the eastern United States. He began his software industry career at Software International, where he spent more than six years marketing and selling mainframe application software to Fortune 1000 companies.

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Nugent met his wife Marilyn at church, and they have been married for 20 years. Together they have a passion for couple's ministry and have taught as well as served on the board of Home Improvement Ministry. They also have been active leaders in men's and women's ministries through their church.

"I am looking forward to getting more involved with Joni and Friends at the leadership level, and I am grateful for the opportunity to use my unique skills and experience to benefit this amazing ministry," Nugent said. "As much as Joni and Friends has accomplished, there is still much to be done, as the disability community continues to grow and the Church is only beginning to wake up to its responsibility in this area."

For more than 30 years Joni and Friends has worked to accelerate ministry to the disability community, offering a wide array of life-affirming ministries to people with disabilities around the world. Joni and Friends does this through the International Disability Center; the [Christian Institute on Disability](#); international radio and television programs filled with inspirational stories; Wheels for the World, which every year sees thousands of individuals receive wheelchairs and the life-giving message of the Gospel; and Family Retreats held in the U.S. and around the world, where families affected by disability learn that they are not alone. More information can be found online at the ministry's new website, <http://www.joniandfriends.org>.

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