



Biography

LORRAINE MAZZA

Lorraine Mazza, Managing Director of Development at Joni and Friends, develops strategic plans for fund raising for the national disability ministry.

In the past, Lorraine has worked with executive management to complete a \$14 million capital campaign to build the new Joni and Friends International Disability Center. Under her leadership the campaign was completed with no debt within four years. During her tenure Joni and Friends has experienced a 113 percent increase in donations with a corresponding growth in service to more people and families affected by disability worldwide.

Drawing from her own experience with her own severely disabled stepson, Ryan, for more than 30 years, Lorraine has a unique and personal perspective that she brings to every program at Joni and Friends.

Lorraine began her professional non-profit career with United Way of Orange County, California as the Director of The Orange County Partnership for Children. After leaving her position with United Way of Orange County, Lorraine launched her own consulting company serving nonprofit organizations, corporations and government agencies. As a non-profit consultant Lorraine was hired by Rogers and Associates, a national public relations firm, representing the State of California and the California Public Utilities Commission. After this project Lorraine continued working for Rogers and Associates as a spokesperson for the California Public Utilities Commission addressing community forums, radio and television audiences educating the public at large about the new deregulation of California's electricity market.

Lorraine later served as the Director of In Kind Gifts and Volunteers at the Orange County Rescue Mission which serves the poorest people in the community – the homeless – and provides outreach to those suffering from drug addiction and alcoholism. Within one year the organization saw a 50 percent increase in the acquisition of new volunteers and increased in-kind donations by 40 percent within six months.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation was established by Los Angeles Chief of Police, Bernard Parks to raise money that would provide additional funding for police officer safety. Lorraine was hired as the Executive Director of The Los Angeles Police Foundation to help raise money that would provide additional funding for police officer safety. Donations within the first year of operation exceeded \$2 million.

Her previous experience and great successes in helping nonprofit organizations reach and exceed their funding goals make Lorraine a valuable and appreciated member of the Joni and Friends Team.