



DOUG MAZZA
President, Chief Operating Officer

Doug Mazza, President and Chief Operating Officer of Joni and Friends, has overseen an era of tremendous growth since coming to the organization 12 years ago.

He has taken the vision of Joni Eareckson Tada and helped make Joni and Friends the authoritative voice on Christian outreach to the world's 660 million people with disabilities and their families.

Doug became keenly aware of the world of disability when his son Ryan was born with a severe handicapping condition.

He also brings award-winning skills in corporate leadership. Doug's distinguished career in the automotive industry includes serving as senior American executive for American Suzuki Motor Corporation; he wrote the marketing plan that successfully launched Suzuki automobiles in this country. Under his leadership, the Suzuki Samurai was named one of the top 10 marketed products in the United States and became the subject of a Harvard case study.

Mazza later joined Hyundai Motor America as its top American executive, serving five years as Chief Operating Officer.

A sought after public speaker, especially on topic of disability as it relates to Christianity and a long a dedicated volunteer with a variety of non-profit organizations, he and his wife, Lorraine, made a life-changing decision when he left industry to answer a calling to full-time Christian ministry in 1999 with Joni and Friends. In 2004, following dramatic ministry growth, he was promoted from Executive Vice President to President.

Mazza is originally from Bergen County, New Jersey, near New York City. An Otterbein College graduate, he and his wife currently live in Woodland Hills, Calif., and attend Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village, Calif. They have five grown sons.