

HEART IN HAND HUMANITARIAN AWARD: **DONALD AND MARIA SCHWEITZER**



Don and Maria were raised in small town America. Don grew up in the Village of Glendale Heights, Illinois. Maria grew up in the town of Seffner, Florida.

After high school, Don served in the Army as a military policeman. Upon completing his military service, Don was a police officer in his hometown. He then came to California after being hired by the Santa Ana police department.

After completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Management at the University of Redlands, Don attended law school at Southwestern University School of Law. Following law school, Don worked as a prosecutor for the Orange County District Attorney's office.

Maria attended University of South Florida, where she earned her degree in economics. While attending college, Maria became a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

After college, Maria held jobs in the private sector, working in the insurance and medical device industries.

Don and Maria married in 2003 and began their lives together raising three children, Selina, Erica, and Donnie, while founding a law firm.

Don has served as the president of the Pasadena Bar Association and various boards including Foothill Unity Center. Don currently serves as the president of the Pasadena City College Foundation and as the Chair of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.