

OVERVIEW & FACT SHEET



About	Founded in 1988, Monarch School, located in downtown San Diego, is a public K-12 school exclusively for students impacted by homelessness. Monarch School represents a unique public-private partnership between the San Diego County Office of Education and the Monarch School Project, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Today, more than 175 students between the ages of four and 19 are enrolled. Monarch School's committed team of educators, support staff and volunteers is dedicated to providing homeless and at-risk children with an accredited education while caring for their basic needs.	
Mission	The mission of the Monarch School is to educate students impacted by homelessness and to help them develop hope for a future with the necessary skills and experiences for personal success.	
Vision	Monarch School provides an excellent academic and supportive environment in which any student in San Diego County who is impacted by homelessness will receive a rigorous education and the opportunity to grow personally to become a highly motivated, contributing member of society. Monarch School serves as a model of success for other schools whose students are impacted by homelessness.	
Quick Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the San Diego County Office of Education, there are more than 13,204 homeless youth, defined by the McKinney-Vento Act, in San Diego County.• Monarch's student population has grown 75 percent since fall 2009. Monarch now serves approximately 175 students at any given time.• The average student arrives at Monarch three years behind grade level. For every six months a student spends at Monarch, he or she will progress more than a year academically• Monarch students display a strong desire to come to school and receive an education. Our students' average daily attendance rate is 92 percent.• A San Diego County Grand Jury Report issued in May 2008, entitled "Hope for Homeless Children – An Educational Success," described our students as "happy, well behaved and excited about learning," and commended the staff at Monarch School "for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication" to students impacted by homelessness.	
Programs & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food• Medical, dental and vision services• New and gently used clothing and shoes• Personal hygiene ("toiletry") kits• Backpacks and school supplies• Tutors and mentors to enhance students' learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family assistance• Transportation• After school programs• Post-graduation support• Special activities
Location	Monarch School 808 West Cedar Street San Diego, CA 92101	NEW CAMPUS – Breaking Ground Fall 2011 1625 Newton Avenue San Diego, CA 92101
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Ronne Froman, CEO

Ronne served in the United States Navy for 31 years, and retired a two-star Admiral. In her last Navy job, she was the director of Ashore Readiness for the Chief of Naval Operations, responsible for nearly 90 Navy stations and bases around the world with a \$7 billion dollar budget. After retirement, she joined the San Diego Unified School District as the chief of business operations. Serving as the CEO of the San Diego Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross, she was instrumental in restoring the confidence in the floundering Chapter during and after the horrendous Southern California wildfires. In 2005, Ronne became the first chief operating officer for the City of San Diego at a time when the City was facing both financial and leadership challenges.

After that she was senior vice president for the energy group of General Atomics, managing 300 scientists and engineers who are industry leaders in advanced energy research and development. Since 2010, Ronne has been working on a Veterans Program called REBOOT. REBOOT provides the necessary behavioral training to help VETs in transition. She also serves on the USS Midway Museum Board.

She has received numerous awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, 2011 Woman of the Year in California 76th Assembly District, Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Spirit of San Diego, San Diego Magazine Woman of the Year, Women's International Center Living Legacy, Girls Scouts Cool Woman, and San Diego Business Journal Woman Who Mean Business, to name a few.

Joel Garcia, Principal

As a health educator for a brain and spinal cord injury prevention program for at-risk youth, Joel Garcia was often asked questions about mentoring and how he got into the medical field. These inquiries about furthering education and career planning led him to return to school to pursue a career in teaching. Garcia began his career in education as a Teaching Assistant in 2002. He taught at Juvenile Hall and Toussaint Academy of Arts and Sciences prior to becoming Vice Principal. Garcia is currently enrolled in the Joint Doctoral Program with University of California, San Diego, and Cal State University, San Marcos. He plans to earn his Doctorate in Educational Leadership in May of 2013. Garcia and his wife Cathy have two young children, Ella and Ryan.

Monarch School Project

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Juvenile Court and Community Schools

- Joel Garcia, Principal
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