



## Monarch School names new CEO

Erin Spiewak is former Executive Director of the Gary and Mary West Foundation

**SAN DIEGO** — Erin Spiewak has been named the new CEO of Monarch School, a unique San Diego-based public K-12 school for children impacted by homelessness.

Spiewak, whose involvement with the school dates to 2003 when she was a volunteer, will replace Ronne Froman, who is taking over as the president of the board of directors.

Froman and Spiewak will work together to lead Monarch's capital campaign and prepare for next month's scheduled groundbreaking for an expanded new campus.

"Monarch's entire board couldn't be more thrilled to welcome Erin Spiewak as the new CEO," Jim McMillan, the school's outgoing board president, said in a prepared statement. "Spiewak's understanding of nonprofits, passion for education and successful leadership and fundraising experience makes her an invaluable part of our team."

Spiewak most recently served as executive director for the Gary and Mary West Foundation, where she also once worked as a program officer. She also served as a staff member and did financial analysis at the Rose Foundation/WebMD Health Foundation.

In 2004, Spiewak was named Monarch School's Volunteer of the Year.

Monarch School will break ground on its new campus in February in the East Village-Barrio Logan area, south of Petco Park. The new campus will allow the school to double its capacity.

"The program Monarch School has established... is vital to countering the rise in homelessness and giving these children the tools they need to prosper," Spiewak said in a prepared statement. "I couldn't be prouder to be joining Ronne and the amazing board and staff as we work together to help build a bright future for these kids."