

Journey School Foundation Fact Sheet 2013-14

About Journey School

Type of School - Public Waldorf Charter School, curriculum co-aligned to CA state standards

Founded - 2/14/2000, 1st parent-initiated charter school in Orange County

Chartered By - Capistrano Unified School District

Total Enrollment - 360 enrolled

Grades - K-8, 4 - Kindergarten, 2 - Grade 1, 2 - Grade 2, 1 - Each Grade 3rd-8th

One class per grade per year will be added until Grades 1-8 each have 2 classes.

Average Class Size - 23 - Kindergarten, 25 - 1st & 2nd Grades, 28 in Grades 3-8

Facility - Leased from Capistrano Unified School District, cost paid from operating budget

Tuition - Free, but donation-dependent

Socio-Economic Profile - 16.7% of students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch (2012)

Parent Support 2012-13

- **Donations** – Parents pledged over \$175,000 in an annual drive to close the widening gap between government funding and the cost of providing a high-quality, well-rounded education. This gap is currently \$1325 per year.
- **Volunteers** – Parents logged more than 10,000 volunteer hours in the classroom and on campus, on the governance and foundation boards, and in the gardens. Tens of thousands of dollars of professional in-kind service annually in the areas of marketing, legal, landscaping, construction, graphic design, video production, education and general management.
- **Fundraising** - Nearly \$50,000 was raised to support teacher development and training, purchase high quality supplies and books, provide field trip scholarships, support specialty programs, and beautify the campus and gardens.

Major Donors and Community Partners

- Earthroots Field School
 - SOKA University
 - Charter School Development Center
 - Orange County Community Fund
 - Wyland Foundation
 - Townsend Press
 - California Fertilizer Foundation
 - Target
 - Inside the Outdoors
 - Captain Planet Foundation
 - Orange County Master Gardeners
 - Draft FCB
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - Western Digital Foundation
 - Wahoo's Fish Tacos
 - Tanaka Farms
 - Kohl's Department Stores
 - Alliance for Public Waldorf Education
 - The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
- **Local Businesses** – Home Depot, Lowe's, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Sprouts Market and a wide variety of local businesses have all contributed volunteer hours and given in-kind donations to support smaller projects and fundraising goals throughout Journey School's history.

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In 2012, an alumni family generously donated \$100,000 to create a 501(c)3 dedicated to developing relationships for the expansion and long-term financial sustainability of the school. Journey School has an eventual goal of securing its own campus. Grants and generous contributions from Journey friends and families have raised a significant amount towards this goal.

