



THIRD STREET CENTER

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NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday Third Street Center!



Five years ago this month, community members and tenants gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Third Street Center. After years of planning, analysis, design and two years of construction, the idea of a green, multi-tenant

community center had become a reality. It was a wonderful occasion.

The grand opening, however, was just the beginning. Over the last five years, tenants and community members have made the Third Street Center come alive with services and programming of every kind - from serious to celebratory. Their collective efforts have turned Third Street into a regional hub for innovation and problem solving

The same creative spirit that transformed an old elementary school slated for demolition fills Third Street Center today







as tenants, community members and Third Street Center staff and board members envision new ways to make the center and our communities better places.



Mayors Michael Hassig & Stacey Bernot, Richard Fuller, & George Stranahan at the 2010 Grand Opening

before

the remodel

As **Carbondale Elementary School** from 1960-2006, several thousand students, including Carbondale's current mayor, learned & played within its walls.

1 old classroom
2 old community room
3 old entry exterior
4 old south side
5 old entry interior
6 old round room

So this month, we pause for a moment (with cake and root beer) to reflect on the great work done over the past five years - and set our sights on the next five.

after the transformation

The Third Street Center officially open in June 2010 after a two year, \$4.5M renovation made possible by a unique partnership between public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Third Street is home to a diverse mix of over 30 community and change-oriented organizations and several artists. The community rooms have hosted workshops, plays, trainings, proms, weddings, concerts, and Quinceaneras.

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Master Plan 2.0

During the course of the original renovation, there were a few items and areas that were set aside for another day. Although community and institutional funders were generous, there was only so much that the renovation could accomplish.

After 5 years of operation, we know more about how Third Street is used, and would like to be used. We have embarked on a second master planning effort to identify and fund ways to improve on the original remodel and address items temporarily set aside (like the Gym and parking). We have our ideas, but we want to know yours. Visit our website to share your ideas for improving Third Street.

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But the work isn't finished.
 We're in the process of continuing to remodel and upgrade TSC. We look forward to renovating areas set aside during the original remodel.

With your help, Third Street Center will be an even more vibrant community center, a regional hub for innovation, problem-solving and a model for sustainability.

for the future



Share your thoughts on how the Third Street Center can improve:

- What improvements would you like to see?
- What programming should we explore?
- How could the facility improve?

Visit thirdstreetcenter.net to share your thoughts!