

ORANGE COUNTY SHARED SPACES FOUNDATION

Announcing Orange County's First Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Center

Santa Ana, California

For over forty years, the building called El Patio has been home to small businesses serving the Santa Ana community at the corner of Wright and 17th. In January 2010, El Patio will enter a new phase of its history by becoming the first Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Center in Orange County, through the efforts of the Orange County Shared Spaces Foundation, a supporting organization of the Orange County Community Foundation.

The Orange County Shared Spaces Foundation

Created in 2008, the Orange County Shared Spaces Foundation is committed to developing quality, affordable and stable multi-tenant nonprofit centers that will strengthen Orange County nonprofit organizations. For the past two years, the Foundation has been working to identify centrally located office space that could house the administrative offices of Orange County nonprofits. In January, with the purchase and renovation of an office building in Santa Ana, California, the Foundation realized its dream of opening its first Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Center.



Upon completion of building upgrades and renovations, the Orange County Shared Spaces Building will provide:

Affordable and competitive rental rates

Ample parking

Shared space, including a conference room for meetings and trainings

An outdoor courtyard conducive to special events and community gatherings

A tenant association to foster collaboration and resource development

On-site program staff dedicated to foster collaboration, support organizational capacity building and ensure that the building's mission and principles are fulfilled

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A Community Under One Roof

The Benefits of Shared Spaces

With the purchase of this 33,800 square foot building, The Shared Spaces Foundation joins a network of at least 150 Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Centers in the United States and Canada. These centers offer reasonable rents and attractive leases, having landlords whose policies and rates are driven by a philanthropic aim rather than strictly market focus. Nonprofits can share the use of large conference rooms, training facilities, and common areas, with amenities that many nonprofits cannot access on their own. Centers also support collaboration between tenants, ranging from shared copiers to joint programs and consolidated administrative functions.

For more information on Nonprofit Centers, visit www.nonprofitcenters.org



Organizing Principles

The Foundation's Board has identified the following principles to guide the development of a vibrant nonprofit community:

Access: A conveniently accessible building that houses the administrative offices of nonprofits.

Environment: A welcoming building designed to encourage collaboration.

Community: An environment that fosters community among tenants leading to the sharing of new ideas and best practices.

Efficiency: Economic efficiencies for nonprofits through shared administrative resources, meeting space and amenities.

Professional Development: Ongoing professional development opportunities, designed to strengthen the organizational capacity of tenants.

Visibility: Increased visibility of tenant organizations through programming at the building.

Leveraged Resources: Opportunities for broader nonprofit community to share meeting and training rooms, when available.

Support: On-site program staff dedicated to ensuring that the building's Organizing Principles are fulfilled.