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## Humane Society of Central Illinois

*Our Mission: Find loving, forever homes for abused and unwanted pets.*



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## Mission Statement

Find loving, forever homes for abused and unwanted pets.

## Our Vision

For every pet to be properly loved and cared for.

## About Us

A not-for-profit animal welfare organization, HSCI does not receive federal, state or local tax dollars. In addition to nominal adoption fees, HSCI relies heavily on donations from individuals, foundations and corporations who also have a commitment to animal welfare, and fundraising activities.

The HSCI has donation support of over 900 individuals, volunteers who dedicate countless hours each year, and spay/neuter over 1,000 animals on-site or through discounts with local veterinarians. The HSCI helps more than 2,200 animals annually.

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## Pet Adoption Center - History

### Move to Kays Drive Location

In June 2006, HSCI moved to a new location at [423 Kays Drive](#) in Normal. Although the demand for our services keeps increasing, HSCI was not expecting to move from the Gill Street location so soon. However, a building became available that would meet our needs in a cost-effective manner.



Our [new location](#) provides benefits for our organization. Being located in a higher traffic area, near the major intersection of Fort Jesse Road and Towanda Avenue, increases our visibility and community awareness. The new location is easy to find, with convenient bus route access for ISU and IWU students who would like to volunteer.

The building was previously a medical facility and offers a lobby area, surgical room, medical treatment space, mechanical systems, and excellent ventilation system. The newer, energy-efficient building will result in lower utility and repair costs. Separate areas for each pet group reduces stress on our pets and is more conducive for visitors. Incoming and adoptable pets are separated to reduce exposure to health problems.



New dogs runs were installed in the large grassy area behind the building.



Many volunteers and supporters assisted with the Pet Parade to move pets to the new location.



The HSCI Grand Opening Celebration was highlighted by a Ribbon-Cutting ceremony with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce on July 14, 2006, at the new Pet Adoption Center. Also present were HSCI Board Members, HSCI Staff, HSCI Members, and welcome supporters.

Our needs are on-going and we appreciate whatever support, whether it be financial, time, or good publicity that can be given.

## Hurricane Katrina

In 2005 and 2006 we brought two groups of pets in that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. In October 2006 the final hurricane pet was placed in a permanent home.

## Gill Street Location



In October 1996 we opened our Pet Adoption Center at 3001 Gill Street, Bloomington. The facility was a dream of ours for many years.

Prior to 1996, we relied on foster homes and boarding at vet offices for our pets. We were very limited on how many pets we could help and adopt. We had an office with limited hours of volunteers that primarily handled phone calls.



Being a non-profit, our organization always struggles financially. Despite our great work, we can only stay open and provide services to the community through the generosity of individuals.

We believed we could help more animals and expand our services by opening a facility. Many people worked years on raising money and planning an adoption facility.

Leon Schmucker, a president of McLean County Humane Society during the early 90's (now known as the Humane Society of Central Illinois), was able to raise much of the money enabling us to open the Pet Adoption Center.



The property was purchased (with a mortgage) and renovated to fit our needs. Cages, furniture, supplies, and much more were purchased or donated and set-up. It did not take long to acquire pets to adopt!

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The history of the Pet Adoption Center is rather short. Having a location greatly expanded our organization.



The Gill Street location provided a location for people to view pets, more hours, more programs, a small staff, and a way for people to support us by volunteering. Our services have greatly improved. For this, many pets are benefiting.

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