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Haws Give Historical Gift to Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc.

STRONG CITY, Kan. – Main Street Cottonwood Falls is getting a new resident. Bill and Maggie Haw have donated the building and patio on the northwest corner from the courthouse to the Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc. to be used as administrative offices. Future plans include a conference room and gallery space.

"We are inspired by the generosity of the Haws and are grateful for the opportunities the new location offers," said Emily Hunter, Executive Director of the Symphony in the Flint Hills.

The 6,000 square foot property once served as the Harder AIG grocery store. The space was remodeled six years ago into the Prairie Coffee Company and has been more recently used for receptions, parties and gatherings.

"Maggie and I believe that the Symphony in the Flint Hills has provided a remarkable benefit by showcasing the Flint Hills and Cottonwood Falls to the outside world," said Bill Haw. "By establishing a permanent presence in downtown Cottonwood Falls, the organization will generate much needed activity for the community."

The Haws transferred the building to Symphony in the Flint Hills on Tuesday, February 9. Plans for interior and exterior remodeling to accommodate expanded programming are being formulated for the process of historic review, required of property owners within the environs of the historic Chase County Courthouse.

About the Symphony in the Flint Hills

The Symphony in the Flint Hills is an annual outdoor concert series that debuted in June 2006 and has sold out every year since. The symphony moves each year to a different site in the Flint Hills, providing an opportunity for the public to visit private ranchland. The event is organized by Symphony in the Flint Hills Inc., a grassroots non-profit organization with a mission to heighten awareness and appreciation of the Flint Hills. To learn more, visit www.symphonyintheflinthills.org.

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