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Haysville Home to State's First Angel of Hope

Haysville, KS (December 26, 2018) Haysville City Council recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the City's willingness to lease land in Dorner Park for the first Angel of Hope Memorial in Kansas.

During the December 10th City Council meeting, when the MOU was considered, Mayor Bruce Armstrong said, "There are no other Angel of Hope Memorials in Kansas at this point, and it is something that would truly add to the city, the state, and Dorner Park itself." Other features being developed in the nearly 70 acre park include an 8 field soccer complex, a 3 acre dog park, and a 10 acre lake.

The original Angel of Hope statue was commissioned in 1994 by author Richard Paul Evans after hearing reports of grieving families seeking out the angel from his fictional book, *The Christmas Box*. The memorials are intended to provide a quiet place of reflection for parents who have endured the loss of a child, but are of comfort to anyone experiencing grief.

Today, there are nearly 150 Angels of Hope, and Robert and Stacy Carmine aim to bring an Angel of Hope to Kansas. The City will hold a press conference at City Hall on December 27th at 6:30 p.m. to share preliminary information about the memorial project.

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