



**Friends of the Pound House
Foundation**

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► **Farmers Market Board of Directors**

Dripping Springs

To the Farmers Market Board of Directors,

The Dr. Pound Farmstead has served as a gathering place for the community of Dripping Springs since the Pound Family migrated here over 168 years ago. The mission of FPHF is to protect, preserve and develop the Dr. Pound Farmstead for the use, education, enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations. We are looking for community partnerships who value preserving the past, while building a thriving future. We have talked often through the years about the idea of hosting the Dripping Springs Farmers Market as an organic combination, and so it is with enthusiasm that I present this letter for your consideration.

The benefits of a cooperative are numerous: The Dr. Pound Farmstead offers sprawling, flat acreage with enough room to host a growing number of vendors. We have easy access through our back gate onto nicely-maintained grass fields with plentiful shade trees. Our grounds are fully fenced, with two large ingress/egress points, ensuring both accessibility and safety for larger groups. We have fully equipped modern restroom facilities and ability to provide electricity. The parking lots in Founders accommodate 200 vehicles, and legal street parking provides upwards of another 150 parking places. In addition to ample parking, we offer walkability for the hundreds of residents in neighboring tracts with the connecting walking trails and sidewalks. By hosting Farmers Market at the Pound House, we draw awareness and outreach not only to the museum, but to the city amenities as a whole. We also have a built-in audience with DSUSA sporting activities, which draws hundreds of families in the Fall, those visiting the pool in the warm season, and later, the Dripping Springs skatepark. It is easy to envision families enjoying the playground, the skatepark, the game fields and strolling through the farmers market, while soaking in the old-time atmosphere of the Pound House.

Nestled on 5 beautifully shaded, oak-filled acres, our grounds invoke a timeless Texas feel. The smokehouse, windmill, barns and wagons offer an idyllic setting for friends, families and community members to meet, mingle and take lots of great photos! As the site of the first doctor's office, church and school in Dripping Springs, our vision is to promote and maintain our historical value as a community gathering place, and we consider Founders Park the center of Dripping Springs' recreational and greenspace treasure. In partnership, we feel we can offer everyone in the community a destination-point for arts and culture, leisure, health and connection. I invite the FM Board to join us on the grounds of the Pound House to *make history* by investing in Dripping Springs to the benefit of all who call it home.

I look forward to the possibility of a joint venture initiative and it is my pleasure to discuss this with your board.

Sincerely,

Jenny Pack

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We have other exciting new evolutions coming very soon which enhance the benefit of any community event, including available indoor, climate-controlled space within the historic house and a new partnership to build the first Dripping Springs community garden on our grounds! We hope you, too, will pioneer the next generation of Drippin' history with us!

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Executive Director

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