

Chip and Joanna Gaines Are Opening a Hotel for 'Fixer Upper' Fans

On Thursday, Chip and Joanna Gaines announced they are opening a boutique hotel in downtown Waco, Texas. The Christian couple, best known for the hit show *Fixer Upper*, made the announcement in a YouTube video (embedded here) as well as an accompanying blog.

"Y'all, we're going to have a hotel in downtown Waco, Texas," Chip says in the video. "Just a few short blocks from the silos."

The Gaines will begin renovating the historic Grand Karem Shrine, which is nearly 53,000 square feet according to the blog, in time for its 2021 opening.

"We are, without a doubt, firm believers that home is the most important place on earth," Joanna writes on the blog. "But we've also learned that home can be found beyond a physical dwelling. It encompasses more than the place where our mail is delivered. Home is a feeling, created by and for the people you love and share your life with; it's a state of being known and loved just as you are. That is our dream for this hotel—that it would serve as an extension of the way we feel about our own home and all it represents to us, and that every guest who comes to stay would experience that same sense of belonging and community."

Watch the video to learn more details.