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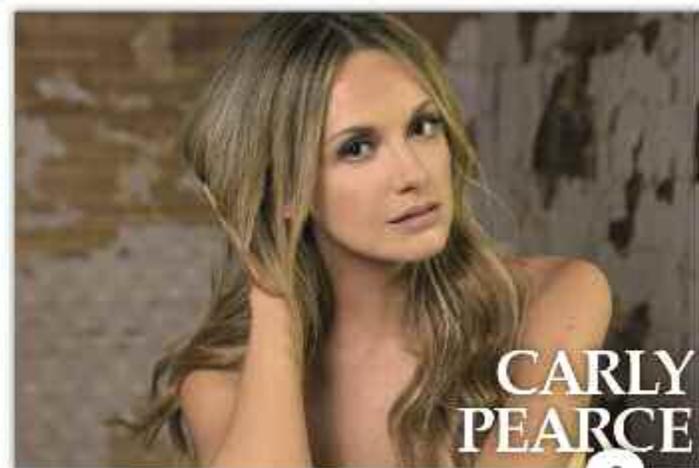
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## LEADERSHIP LETTER Steve Martin, President & CEO



While contemplating what to write in our first newsletter, which will be the first in a series of quarterly messages to you, I could not help but reflect on our rich history. What started out as the vision and dream of Shelley Smith, committed volunteers and community service agencies 65 years ago in Bonham Elementary School with 17 patients has now blossomed into campuses in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Hospice of the Big Country joined the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in 2000 and today is our largest department helping patients and families through end of life healthcare challenges. There is a great story of a loving couple and volunteer helped by Hospice in this quarter's newsletter.

A Foundation chartered in 1966 for the sole purpose of supporting the operations of West Texas Rehabilitation Center continues to grow and now helps support our donor-sponsored patients and operational expenses at around 21% for 2018. This is not where we ultimately need or want to be, but impressive nonetheless. Our goal is to one day see the Foundation cover all of our operating expenses related to patient care, making the West Texas Rehabilitation Center much less dependent on third-party insurance reimbursement, including federal and state government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Due to your faithful support of our Foundation, our fundraising events and your gifts to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, last year we were able to see over 530 patients each day, from 3 states and 148 different cities and towns. These patients were referred by 893 different physicians who know the value of what West Texas Rehabilitation Center offers – the best equipment, best facilities and best clinicians, therapists and nurses anywhere. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is able to greatly impact the lives of our patients no matter their financial circumstances or ability to pay.

In these pages, you will read about patients like “Braveheart Ben” achieving life changing miracles, new programs such as our unreimbursed nutrition

program, spotlights on our donors and volunteers who are critically important to our success as well as information on upcoming events and ways you can continue to help the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. As we come back from the holidays, we will kick off our 48th annual telethon on January 20th. We hope you will join us at the Abilene Convention Center from 7:00 p.m. to midnight or tune in on one of the 8 television networks carrying the show. You can also watch a live stream of the show at [WestTexasRehab.org](http://WestTexasRehab.org). Be sure to register on Handbid to participate in the auction featuring hundreds of items that will be available now through January 20th.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, we are extremely blessed by your kindness and friendship and will continue to strive to be good stewards of all you have given us. Best wishes on a happy and healthy 2018, and may God bless you, your families and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Gratefully,

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# FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

By Rodger Kennedy, Senior Vice President for Planned Giving



A long time donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) first became aware of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC) in the early 1950's when he saw patients being treated at Bonham Elementary School. Later when he was in junior high, his mother "encouraged strongly" that he volunteer at WTRC. He admits he was not the best volunteer, but did see the benefits patients received from the Center every time he came.

He was actually a WTRC patient once while in high school for a neck issue and was treated by Bill Snowden, a physical therapist who later became President and CEO of WTRC. He graduated from Cooper High School and then attended Texas Tech University and earned his degree in Finance in the early 1970's. His father, a successful banker at First National Bank of Abilene wanted him to go into the banking business, but he had his own plans.

He began his career in Dallas at a Savings and Loan Institution and worked there before joining the Financial Accounting Department for the City of Dallas. He returned to Abilene to help care for his parents and worked for the financial services department at a local Hospital. Retiring in 2002, he has pursued his lifelong interests in art and music. He purchased and then restored a rare 1926 Steinway Grand piano that is made from cherry wood. He plays the piano and organ, often with friends.

This generous donor has always been inspired by the Mission of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to treat all who come through its doors. He has

notified WTRC that he has included a very generous gift to the WTRC Foundation in his estate plan that will continue to support the patients of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for generations to come.

It is gifts such as this that allow the WTRC Foundation to grow its annual distribution to WTRC and continue to treat patients regardless of their financial circumstance. Please consider including the WTRC Foundation in your estate plans as a lasting Legacy of your own.

If you would like help or more information please contact Rodger Kennedy at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation at 325-793-5424, Jason Weaver at 325-793-3435, Chuck Rodgers at 325-793-5475, or Chad Hirt at 325-223-6415.



# HOSPICE OF THE BIG COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT

Remembering Robert & Norma Jones,

By Angie Lane, Director of Hospice of the Big Country

Let me introduce you to Robert and Norma Jones. We met this beautiful couple in the summer of 2013 when Norma had been diagnosed with a terminal condition and a hospice referral was made. When we talked to them about goals of care, Norma wanted to be kept informed and she wanted to be comfortable. Robert had been taking care of her for a long time and just wanted to know that help was available if he should call. We knew we could do that and we did. Norma passed away in December that year, at home, comfortably, with her husband at her side. Robert was forever grateful for the care they had received from Hospice of the Big Country.

Robert immediately entered our Bereavement Program. He would come by the office and often ask how he could help Hospice of the Big Country. I would tell him to keep sharing the news of hospice. We had been making plans to produce a series of commercials using actual patient stories, not actors. We wanted real stories and, of course, Robert Jones came to mind. Thus, the first Hospice of the Big Country patient-story commercial was made.



When Robert completed the Bereavement Program, he wanted to become a volunteer. Why would

he want to serve? Maybe because he spent his early years serving as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. Maybe it was because he spent his middle years serving God on over 20 mission trips throughout South America with his wife at his side. So, it seemed to make sense in his later years that he would want to serve the patients and families of Hospice of the Big Country--giving back. That is what he wanted to do, and he did it well. He was involved in everything. He was a great supporter of our Hearts Remembered campaign. Then he found out about Dinner Show, and he wanted to be a part of that, too. So, he purchased a table and



invited staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Big Country. Let me just tell you, it was the BEST dinner show ever!

We invited Robert to attend the U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Party cake cutting ceremony that Woody Gilliland hosts every year.

He came and it wasn't long after that he even joined our We Honor Veterans program. He suited up and reported for duty! I think this might have been one of his favorite things. He loved serving veterans at end of life. It brought him great purpose to honor them with a recognition ceremony. He was such a good deal for Hospice of the Big Country.

In January of 2017, Robert had a nagging cough. He went into the hospital and tests were performed. The doctor came in and told him that he had stage 4 lung cancer. The doctor gave him his treatment options and Robert said, "No, I want to go home and I want to go home with Hospice of the Big Country" because we were his family. So, that is what he did.

Not long after he was on hospice, we knew he would need his own recognition ceremony. We wanted to recognize our Marine, and so the team went to work planning. He was given his own ceremony and the whole team showed up. He was so grateful.

I was with Robert in the last few days of his life. I sat with him, prayed over him, and read scripture to him. Found in his Bible was a 5-page prayer list of names that he prayed over every day, and scattered through the pages were the names of Hospice of the Big Country staff and volunteers.

When the Lord took Robert home, we placed an American flag over him as he was carried away. I was reminded of all that he had given back. It all started with entrusting us his most precious possession on earth, his beautiful wife's care, to Hospice of the Big Country.

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# Braveheart Ben

In return, he gave back financially to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, he gave back in time and talent in numerous volunteer hours, and he gave back with daily prayer support.



I have a picture of Robert that sits in my office and it serves as a daily reminder. This is what we get to be a part of at Hospice of the Big Country.



I will end with this: Great things happen at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and Hospice of the Big Country is proud to be a part.

called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. It's a congenital heart defect that affects normal blood flow through the heart. Ben was immediately care flighted to a hospital in San Antonio. Mandi and her husband Jake recall following in their car.

"We cried and prayed the whole ride. We were so afraid and confused. We didn't even know if Ben was going to survive the flight." But he did. The little fighter hung on and began earning the 'Braveheart badge' as he endured his first open-heart surgery at just 21-days-old. Doctors told Mandi their son would need multiple surgeries throughout his lifetime to survive.

"You have hopes and dreams that are so big for your kids... but at this point, I didn't know what life would look like for Ben. No one really knows how to care for a kid who literally has half a heart right out of the gate."

The days ahead were long and trying. Ben had his second open-heart surgery at only six-months-old. As fate would have it, not long after the Kelley's moved to Abilene they would find the place they would soon call a God-send: The West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

None more than his pediatric physical therapist, Keila Bearden, who started working with Ben at 17-months-old to teach him how to walk. "We adore her," says Mandi. "She's walked through physical struggles with us but also emotional. I have no idea where we'd be without her. It's been so hard. But it's also been beautiful to see the needs of my child met by the people at West Texas Rehabilitation Center." What a mountain they've had to climb. But they've never had to do it alone.

"He's got to have a lot of will power to get through the things that he's getting through," says Keila, Ben's physical therapist. "It breaks my heart. But at the same time, it makes me feel good to know there's something I can do to help them."

And there's something YOU can do too. Please mark your calendars now for January 20, 2018 at the Abilene Convention Center for the 48th annual West Texas Rehabilitation Center Telethon. Because of you, because of your generosity, because of your compassion, kids like Ben can thrive and grow in the midst of even the bleakest of circumstances.

"The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is second to none. The equipment that we have access to, the amount of space we have... I've never worked in a place that can offer what WTRC has to offer," says Keila.

Last year alone, WTRC saw over 530 patients a day, from 148 cities and towns in three different states and worked with 893 referring physicians who recognize the impeccable care we provide. We offer state of the art technology and care at our facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona.

Now you know the story of Braveheart Ben and now it's time for you to become a part of the story. Whether it's through a financial gift or donating your time and effort, we are depending on you to make the 2018 Telethon the most successful yet!



## PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

### Braveheart Ben

They call him *Braveheart Ben*. With such a name, you might envision a giant of a man with muscles for days and the strength to match. But that's not our Ben. He is quite tiny, but his courage is massive. You see, our Ben is just three-years-old. So how did such a small boy claim such a big title?

It all started about 24-hours after he came into the world. His mother Mandi said she knew something was wrong by his cries. Their pediatrician soon confirmed her misgivings. Ben was born with a very complicated and dangerous heart condition



"People know his name here, they care about him and our story. Just this whole family... They make him to feel like a hero," Mandi tells us.



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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT Bob & Mona Housley

Bob Housley will be the first to tell you West Texas Rehabilitation Center is more than physical therapy, equipment, and good people: it is the place where his grandson Sam was given a chance to do whatever he wanted to do in life. Today, Bob and Mona Housley support West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual San Angelo Dinner Show and many other fundraising events. They are proud to be a part of helping make a difference in the lives of the patients of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Mona recalls her first visit to West Texas Rehabilitation Center as "eye-opening." "We came with our grandson Sam, who was referred to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for cerebral palsy. We knew he would need help for most of his young life, and having West Texas Rehabilitation Center in our community was not only encouraging, but inspiring."

Sam was the Housley's first look into the great things happening at West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Sam spent many years at West Texas Rehabilitation Center and this allowed Bob & Mona a front row seat to the many areas of treatment offered at West Texas Rehabilitation Center. "People just don't realize all they do," says Bob, "it is so much more than helping those with specific disabilities, and we've been on the receiving end of all they do many times over."

Bob and Mona own Housley Communications, Inc. which was founded in 1980. Bob started the company with a single buried service wire plow and one employee, burying telephone drops for a major telecommunications company that provided telephone service throughout the state of Texas. Within just a few years, Housley Communications, Inc. expanded its buried service wire business to

become a major supplier for several major telecommunications and cable TV companies. Today, Housley Communications, Inc. is still a privately held construction company with their corporate headquarters based in San Angelo.

"We love West Texas Rehabilitation Center and because of all they've done for our Sam, I sometimes can't talk about the many blessings we've received from them, I get too emotional!" laughs Bob. "My hope is for others to give back, because like us, Sam couldn't have done

some of the things he was able to do without the help of West Texas Rehabilitation Center." "Even when you least expect it, Rehab may be your saving grace, and we proudly support their mission of providing service no matter a person's ability to pay."

To learn more information on West Texas Rehabilitation Center and how you can get involved, visit our website at [WestTexasRehab.org](http://WestTexasRehab.org) or call one of our Donor Relations offices to schedule a tour.

Donors like Bob & Mona Housley continue to make a difference each day and you

can too! For more information, call Abilene at 325-793-3507 and at San Angelo/Ozona 325-223-6364.



The Housley's Grandson, Sam



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# PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT Dr. Brent Steadman

Dr. Brent Steadman is a pediatrician in Abilene, Texas who has practiced medicine for the past 19 years. He is affiliated with Abilene Regional Medical Center along with 7 other pediatric specialists.

Dr. Steadman graduated from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in 1993, and completed his residency at the Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, TX. Originally from Palestine, Dr. Steadman moved west to Abilene soon after completing his residency. He loves being here in Abilene, and is a well respected physician and member of the community.

When asked why he originally decided to go into medicine Dr. Steadman said he always had a desire to be involved with mission work. By becoming a doctor he has been able to have a greater impact within the missions field. He first considered going into family medicine, but during his residency found he was much happier treating children, and has since flourished within pediatrics. The staff at Dr. Steadman's office are all wonderful, and share this passion for working with children.

"The people, and the kids", was a common response from the staff when asked why they enjoyed working at Dr. Steadman's office. They described Dr. Steadman as a kind, patient (sometimes), humble, generous, super nice guy, and a marvelous Christian family man.

Dr. Steadman, and his wife Emily have four children, Allyson (17), Grace (15), Caroline (13), and Jack (8). They all attend and are very involved in Wylie schools. You can often find Dr. Steadman

at one of his children's sporting events, band concerts, or out hunting with his son, Jack.

Away from the office, Dr. Steadman and his family are involved with Federation of Christian Athletes, Young Life, WyldLife, and lead a life group at their church, Beltway Park. They also organize and attend a yearly mission trip to Peru with a group from their church.

We at West Texas Rehabilitation Center are very thankful to Dr. Steadman for his support and involvement in our organization over the past 19 years, and look forward to partnering with him for many years to come. We love working with the patients he refers and seeing them achieve their goals.



(L-R) Brent, Jack, Emily, Allyson, Caroline, and Grace Steadman



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**AUDIOLOGY**

Birds chirping, rain falling, children laughing. These are sounds most of us take for granted, but for the approximate 37.5 million of Americans with hearing loss, these sounds can often be missed. According to the America Academy of Audiology, hearing loss is the third most common health problem in the United States.

Mr. Tim Moorman, started noticing his hearing loss about 20 years ago and quickly sought solutions through West Texas Rehabilitation Center Hearing and Balance Center in San Angelo. "I was fit with my first set of hearing aids in 2002 and choosing to purchase from West Texas Rehabilitation Center was the best decision I ever made." Moorman says. Mr. Moorman states that his hearing loss was due to noise exposure, specifically from using firearms without protection. Audiologist, Dr. Angela Middlebrooks, has been treating Mr. Moorman and states that hearing loss due to noise exposure is the only type of hearing loss that is 100 percent preventable. "I wish I would have known back then what I know now and taken better care to protect my ears" Moorman comments. "There is no substitute for your natural ability to hear but the hearing aids and care that I have received through West Texas Rehabilitation Center was no doubt my second best option."

"Mr. Moorman is wearing hearing technology from Resound and has special features for wireless Bluetooth." Dr. Middlebrooks states. "He is very savvy when it comes to the latest in technology and hearing devices now have some amazing features to impress users of all ages."

"Oh you would not believe how clear I can hear," Moorman proclaims. "My wife doesn't have to yell at me to turn the television down now" he laughs. "Normal conversation is no longer a struggle! ... As a game warden for over 30 years it was pretty important to be able to hear the rattle of a rattlesnake when on duty. I can't live without my hearing aids."

At West Texas Rehabilitation Center Hearing and Balance Center, we know no two hearing losses are

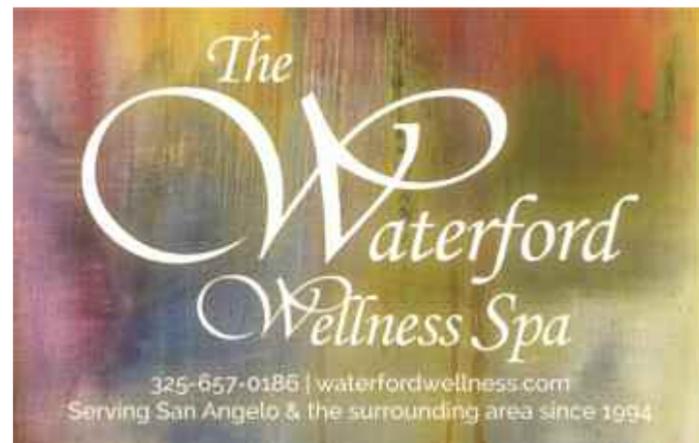
the same, and a hearing device fitting is not a one-time visit. It's a process, and we provide a solution that is tailored to each individual. Our team of Audiologists are integral to these processes. "I am eternally grateful for West Texas Rehabilitation Center. I recommend to anyone with hearing loss to give them a call and they will make a personal investment in you and your better hearing future," Moorman concluded.

**NUTRITION**

West Texas Rehabilitation Center is now offering nutrition services with our registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), Donald Longley. Donald comes to us with a passion for nutrition education. He works with both children and adults, and covers many topics including obesity, eating disorders, malnutrition, and diabetes. He works to educate, treat, and prevent these conditions and others by providing medical nutrition therapy. In his medical nutrition therapy Donald gets to know his patients so he can personalize the therapy to suit their needs. He will begin by reviewing the patients eating habits, doing a thorough review of nutritional health, and creating a personalized nutrition treatment plan. Follow-up appointments are scheduled to check on progress and to monitor the treatment plans success. In addition to the usual services offered by a registered dietitian nutritionist, WTRC also offers a special program



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called the "FAN" Club, the Fitness and Nutrition Club. WTRC provides multidisciplinary and comprehensive evaluation, management, and treatment for obese children, teens and adults. In this program the patient will be evaluated on fitness and nutrition. Over the course of 16 weeks they will be monitored and work with their "FAN" club team which includes our registered dietitian nutritionist, a physical therapist, and an occupational therapist. The guidance of each member of this team is critical to helping the patient achieve greater fitness and nutrition.

**PACESETTERS**

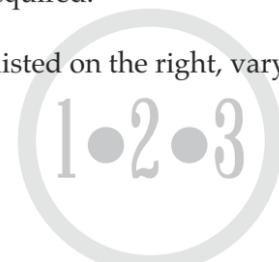
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**2** *Level 2 - Group Fitness;* This program is designed for individuals who need or desire supervision and assistance with work out equipment. This is a group setting which will meet 2-3x a week. The program is designed by a therapist, but will be overseen by a certified fitness professional. Group size is typically 4-6 clients.

**3** *Level 3 - Elite Fitness Training;* This program is designed for individuals who require, or prefer one on one supervision by a certified fitness professional when exercising. These individuals may need minimal assistance getting on/off equipment or may require assistance with various forms of exercise.

For more information about Pacesetters or for a tour of our facilities available in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona please call Abilene (325)793-3441, San Angelo (325) 223-6479, Ozona (325)-392-9872.

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### FOOD PROGRAM

The Food Program at West Texas Rehabilitation Center - Where Children Come to Learn about Food!

We all know a child, or even an adult, who has aversions to food or certain types of food. He or



she will only eat chicken nuggets and French fries or good 'ol pizza. Most grow past these aversions with time, but for some, it is a serious concern and usually has more deep rooted origins. That is where our Pediatric team of Occupational and Speech Therapist come in with the highly successful Food Program.

The Food Program at WTRC uses the SOS (Sequential Oral Sensory) Approach to Feeding program. This approach is an effective way to address problematic feeding behaviors in a variety of settings and populations. Parents and caregivers of children who will not eat are faced with a difficult and often puzzling challenge. Because the interplay between weight gain and the child's experience of food can be complicated, there is rarely an easy solution when a feeding problem arises. The SOS Approach uses a transdisciplinary

team approach which assess the "whole child": organ systems, muscles, sensory development, oral-motor, learning/behavior, cognition, nutrition, and environment. The SOS Approach focuses on increasing a child's comfort level by exploring and learning about the different properties of food and allows a child to interact with food in a playful, non-stressful way, beginning with the ability to tolerate the food in the room and in front of him/her, then moving on to touching, kissing, and eventually tasting and eating foods.

*Who is a candidate for the Food Program?*

- Child who is transitioning from tube to oral feeding
- Child who has low volume of oral intake (or no oral intake)
- Child who has poor weight gain
- Child who has a limited variety of tastes and textures in their diet
- Child who has difficulties transitioning to advanced textures
- Child who demonstrates food refusal
- Families who power struggles at meals

For more information about the Food Program at West Texas Rehabilitation Center, available in Abilene and San Angelo, call:

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ozona Phonebank • Coordinated by Ozona Woman's League

Not all efforts during West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual Telethon involve cameras, entertainers, and bright lights.

A local effort takes place in many communities around the Big Country and Concho Valley with area phone banks, operated and manned by local community volunteers. One of those phone banks is in Ozona, and it is coordinated by the Ozona Woman's League.

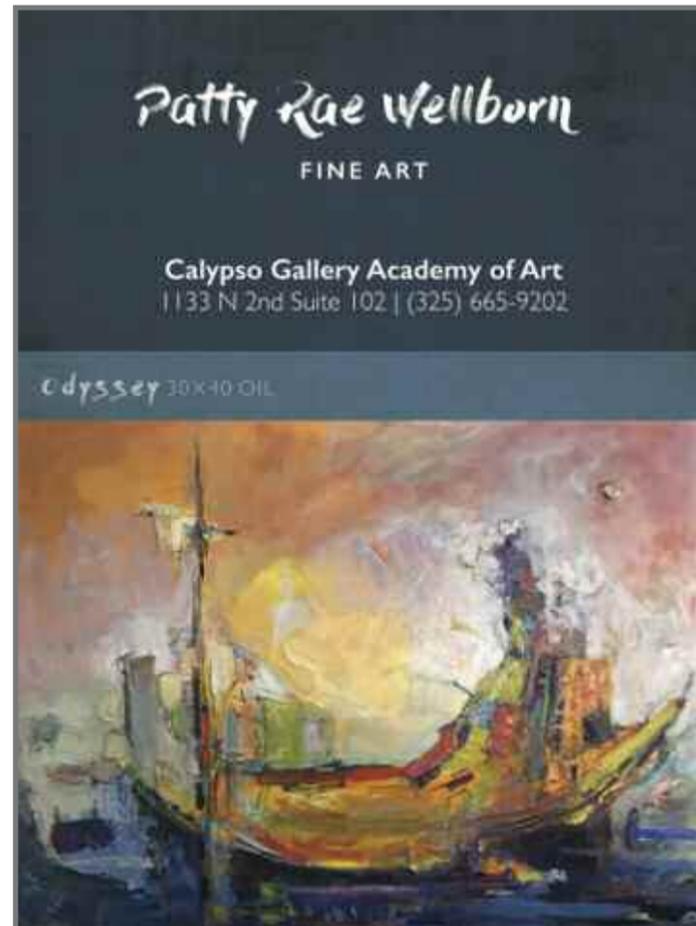
In 2017, the Ozona Woman's League celebrated ten years of volunteering for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual Telethon. The local phone bank has raised over \$100,000 for West Texas Rehabilitation Center patients, and the League has been proud of their continued efforts for their local phone bank. "We are so thankful for the support of our friends and family who help us raise money for the patients at West Texas Rehabilitation Center," says Kayla Davidson, member of the League. The difference made by their efforts continues to show as people in the community become more familiar with West Texas Rehabilitation Center by taking the calls of local volunteers and giving generously.

The League has learned many folks in their community have a West Texas Rehabilitation Center story of their own, so it adds more value when they make the calls to raise money for Telethon. "Our organization was established to build a better community and a better community for our children. By helping the West Texas Rehabilitation Center during the Telethon, we know we are touching lives and doing what we were meant to do" says Breanne Hale, 2017 President of the Ozona Woman's League. "Having the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in our community is life changing because we know not everyone can travel outside our area for outpatient services. Having a place like West Texas Rehabilitation Center in reach just makes all the difference in the world.

The Ozona Woman's League is preparing once again to start making those calls for their local phone bank.

For more information on a phone bank near you or other volunteer opportunities with West Texas Rehabilitation, give our Donor Relations offices a call at 325-793-3507 (Abilene) and 325-223-6364 (San Angelo/Ozona.)

Volunteers make a difference every day at West Texas Rehabilitation Center and you could too!



# EQUIPMENT WISHLIST

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SA	Audiology	Cerumen removal Chair	2,660.00
SA	O & P	New Solid counter tops, 2 solid surface sinks and faucets (plaster room) Replace sink and faucet and counter top (Cast Room)	4,000.00
OZ	PT/OT	Armedica Power Parallel Bars (Vonco)	3,995.50
SA	IR	Drug Screen Chain of Custody Cabinet	2210.00
OZ	PT Pedi	Basic Vestibular Set (therapy net/stander bolster set/platform swing	831.06
OZ	PT	Triton DTS Advance Traction Table (Vonco)	9258.00
SA/AB	ALL	Chairs for waiting rooms and patient chairs for treatment rooms	80,000.00
SA	Audiology	GN Otometrics NCI-480 Water Caloric Stimulator with an upgrade version for charter VNG	7,865.00
AB/SA	Housekeeping	Taski Procarpet Cleaning System	3,605.00
SA	Adult PT	Power plate PRO6+ for balance and vestibular	10,875.00
AB/SA	Adult PT	Safe Gait Balance and Mobility Trainer- 2 systems- 1 per site	370,000.00
OZ	PT/OT	N-K Delux Electric Hi-Lo Table	2,395.00
SA	Adult OT/PT	Diagnostic Ultra Sound	3,000.00
SA	Adult PT	SportsArt Upright Cycle w/20 Resistance Levels	1,770.00
SA	Adult OT/PT	PTS BFR Tourniquet Instrument & Cuff Set	4,995.00
SA	Adult PT	"Barefoot Training" Proprioceptive Input Mat/Solo Step Harness Syst.	10,495.00
SA	Adult OT	New Mindray M1 Portable /include linear & convex probes, trolley cart	19,750.00
SA	Adult ST	Iowa Oral Performance Instrument (IOPI)	2,120.75
SA	Audiology	Micromedical Air FX Caloric Irrigator	7,375.00
SA	Audiology	High HZ Option-HF only	1,775.00
AB	Adult PT/OT	OCCUPRO FCE Software	13,225.00
AB	O&P	PhotoKinetics Gait Analysis System	42,000.00
AB	Pacesetter	Fitness Equipment for Pacesetters Program	15,394.00
SA	Adult PT	Natus Balance Master	109,436.25

# 2018 EVENTS AB Dates, Karla @ 3507 / SA Dates, Amber @ 6364

- 1 January**  
20th West Texas Rahabilitation Center 2018 Telethon/ Auction – Abilene Convention Center, 6pm
- 2 February**  
1st – 28th Hearts Remembered – Hospice of the Big Country – Mall of Abilene  
10th Round-Up of the Heart – Breckenridge, 6pm  
17th West Texas Rahabilitation Center Crawfish Boil @ Betty Rose’s Little Brisket
- 3 March**  
1st Ozona Appreciation Day – TBD  
1st Winter Show featuring Mark Lowry – Paramount Theater – Abilene – 7 p.m  
2nd Winter Show featuring Mark Lowry – McNease Convention Center- San Angelo – 7 p.m.  
22nd 19h Annual Stribling Art Extravaganza Preview Party, 6pm Fort Concho  
23rd-25t 19th Annual Stribling Art Extravaganza, Fort Concho
- 4 April**  
6th-7th Top Gun Sporting Clay Shoot by Capital Farm Credit – Abilene Clay Sports  
14th 2nd Annual Spring Chicken Run 5k – Behind First Financial Bank on Knickerbocker – 8 a.m.  
15th 36th Annual Spring Chicken Affair, First Financial Bank Knickerbocker, 11am  
TBA West Texas Rahabilitation Center Trail Ride
- 6 June**  
5th-7t Abilene Camp Rehab  
9th C.A.S. T - Abilene  
12th-14th San Angelo Day Camp  
16th HOBC Butterfly Release @ 11:00 - Nelson Festival Garden  
19th Lamb & Goat Sale: Wylie Ag Barn
- 7 July**  
3rd Stamford Art Show Preview Party, Stamford
- 8 August**  
TBD Remembering When Dinner Show, Brownwood, 6pm:  
18th 5th Annual Sonora Sensation, Sutton County Civic Center, 6pm  
23rd or 30th West Texas Rahabilitation Center Summer Dinner Show, Abilene Civic Center, 6:45pm  
25th Round-Up Kick-off BBQ – Fort Chadbourne, 6pm
- 9 September**  
1st Winter’s Dove Festival, Winters  
11th Round-Up Supper Christoval/Eldorado, Bar H Ranch (Helmers), 6pm  
14th Round-Up Lunch Ballinger, First National Bank of Ballinger, 11:30am  
18th Round-Up Sale – Abilene Auction  
20th Round-Up Sale – San Angelo, Producers
- 10 October**  
3rd Round-Up Coleman Sale  
8th Pig Sale – Wylie Ag Barn  
19th Rehab’s HOBC Golf Tournament – Diamond Back Golf course Abilene  
TBD Round-Up Lunch Junction, First United Methodist Church, 12pm  
TBD Ozona Dance (RUR) - TBD  
TBD Fall Rehab Dinner Show – San Angelo  
TBD Round-Up Stephenville  
TBD Round-Up Dudley Brothers  
TBD Round-Up Powell Bull Sale
- 11 November**  
1st Hospice of the Big Country Candlelight Memorial Service, Logsdon Chapel HSU, 6:30 pm  
7th Round-Up Sweetwater Shrimp Peel – Nolan County Annex  
10th 12th Annual Frank Caraway Sporting Clays Classic, San Angelo, Claybird Association, 9am  
17th Quilt & Afghan Brunch, WTRC, 10:30 am  
27th Day of Giving  
TBD Round-Up Eastland
- 12 December**  
1st Round-Up Danny Isbell Memorial Rehab Jackpot Show, Wylie Ag Barn  
8th Quilt Brunch, Abilene – West Texas Rahabilitation Center  
8th Round-Up Big Country Christmas Ball, The Coliseum Snyder

# FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT Rodger Kennedy, Senior Vice President for Planned Giving



Rodger grew up in the oil field town of Denver City in West Texas and graduated in 1974. He then attended West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Rodger returned to the oil industry and worked as an engineer and Manager for Halliburton Logging Services in four different Texas cities. In 1998 he made a career change and went to work for Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor until 2001 and was blessed enough to then find his true calling at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation.

do on the water; fishing, skiing, or just driving around in his boat. Of late, he has especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren how to waterski!

For over 16 years, he has been able to help friends of the West Texas Rahabilitation Center with the many challenges they and often their children face every

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Married to the love of his life for over 37 years, he has two sons and a daughter who all went to and graduated from Texas A & M, have now married and blessed he and his wife with eight wonderful grandchildren. Rodger enjoys everything you can

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day. As a Certified Senior Advisor, (CSA) he stays informed on the ever changing senior issues that can often be difficult to maneuver through. He assists West Texas Rehabilitation Center supporters with tax efficient planning, planned giving, estate planning, and by helping them to "Help their neighbors." Rodger's background in the oil and gas industry has also been valuable in helping mineral owners in managing their interests as well as the Center's oil and gas mineral interests across West Texas.

"I am very passionate about what I do for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation. I know that I'm making a difference in the lives of our donor's, but also because I know how the Foundation supports the Center and how it changes the lives of those who come through our doors. I've personally visited many times with parents of children who face challenges no parent expected for them to face. It is here they find help and hope for their child and do not have to worry about the financial burden that other organizations would impose on them."

The Foundation's staff represents the West Texas philosophy of neighbor helping neighbor. Each of us has a mission with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, an understanding of how the West Texas Rehabilitation Center helps those in need, and a commitment to be helpful to anyone who seeks our assistance.

Working as a team, we help friends of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center find practical solutions to everyday desires and needs, often through planned giving. Whether the desire is to leave a legacy, avoid or reduce taxes, increase income, realize tax free appreciation, provide for an income you can't outlive, protect assets from creditors, provide for retirement, provide for expert management, or diversify assets, our work is to be helpful without expectation, obligation or cost. Our work is especially advantageous to anyone doing estate planning, wishing to benefit a charity or charities, facing significant capital gains, gift or estate taxes, or anyone with a life or estate planning need coupled with a desire to benefit charities they love. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center has provided us very specialized training; we believe, however, that it is our attitude of service which distinguishes us. If we can be of service, in Abilene please contact

Rodger Kennedy at 325-793-5424, Jason Weaver at 325-793-3435, Chuck Rogers at 325-793-5475 or Chad Hirt in San Angelo at 325-223-6415.



## FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT Chad Hirt, Bachelor of Science

Chad Hirt grew up on a small West Texas cotton farm in St. Lawrence, Texas, just outside of Garden City. He studied biology and chemistry and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Biology from Texas Tech University in 2002.

For the last decade and a half, he has worked in a fast-paced sales environment for a software company based out of San Angelo, Texas. He managed client relationships in both the private and public sectors on an enterprise level across the country. During this time, he played an active role in community outreach efforts such as the United Way and Relay for Life that have had a significant impact on citizens in need in the Concho Valley. He is currently an active contributor and mentor to youth activities and programs sponsored by the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association.

Passionate about relationship building, his community and the desire to make a difference in the lives of people in his community and surrounding areas, the move to West Texas Rehabilitation Center to join the Foundation Team was a natural fit. Chad will help manage, plan and advise on the many charitable options available to West Texas Rehabilitation Center donors. He brings an extensive background in understanding the complexity in planning and the thought and consideration that must be



considered when it comes to charitable donation. Chad will work with each donor and potential donor to ensure their contributions are long lasting and truly impact the core mission of West Texas Rehabilitation Center which is to improve the quality of life to those served regardless of their financial circumstance.

In his free time, Chad enjoys chasing his children from the football field to the tennis courts to the basketball gym and baseball fields. Chad is married to Robin, who is a school teacher in Wall, Texas, and has two children, Bryson (12) and Kymbree (9).



## FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT Jason Weaver

Jason Weaver joined the West Texas West Texas Rehabilitation Center family in December 2017. Jason joined the fundraising team for the Foundation to help make sure the Foundation is in an ever-increasing position to support the therapy, hospice, and other programs of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. "An organization who employs only the most highly-educated and well-trained therapists, nurses and other healthcare professionals--to provide first-class care and support to patients for as long as they need it and without regard to their ability to pay-- is an organization I want to be a part of for a long time," Jason mentioned.

Before joining West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Jason taught high school English and Speech for a few years and worked in development and marketing for a nonprofit organization in the northwest Texas Panhandle for more than 17 years. Jason earned his bachelor's degree in speech from West Texas A&M University and master's degree in business administration from Wayland Baptist University. Jason is married to Mendy, who enjoys a long career in banking, and they have three children, Melanie, a sophomore nursing major at Angelo State, Katlynn, a 13 year old 4-H student, and Jackson (4) who loves dinosaurs and helicopters.

Jason is well-versed in working with donors and their advisers to help donors shape and define their giving legacies through simple or blended gifts. Whether it's a gift through a charitable gift annuity, charitable trust, will, appreciated securities or real estate, Jason is ready to help you paint your giving legacy to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.



## FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT Chuck Rogers

"When I decided to leave Young Life, where I had worked for the past 31 years, I knew that my next job would have to have some kind of "mission" to it -- be something bigger than myself, something only God could do! Then two friends encouraged me to interview for a position with The West Texas Rehabilitation Center. I have loved The West Texas Rehabilitation Center for years, and even taken part in various fundraisers through friends who served on the board, but never dreamt I would have the privilege of being a part of such a powerful, healing and hope-filled mission to hurting and struggling people....whether they can afford it or not!. Well, I have truly found something "only God can do", and I look forward to getting to watch Him do it every day for years to come through The West Texas Rehabilitation Center!

Chuck was raised in Lubbock, Texas and attended Texas Tech University where he received his BBA in Finance. He came on the Young Life staff in 1986 and started the YL ministry in Killeen, TX, serving there for 3 years. In 1989 he and his wife, Cindy, moved to Abilene where they have been working with kids through Young Life for the past 28 years.

Chuck and Cindy had been married for 30 years before her death in April of 2017. They have two children: A son, Taylor, who is currently in Abilene and planning to return to Young Life staff soon; and a daughter, Molly, who is a senior at Abilene Christian University getting her Masters of Accountancy. Chuck enjoys tennis, golf, working in the yard, cooking, throwing the frisbee for his dog, Myles, and spending time with his kids.

This year's 48th annual Telethon is jam packed with great entertainment! Set for the night of January 20th, Rehab 2018 is looking to continue the success of years past by raising more than a million dollars for the treatment and care of more than 500 patients every day at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona. To help us with this goal, we are happy to welcome our co-headliners Carly Pearce and Little Texas.

Born into the bluegrass brawn of Kentucky, Carly Pearce has never known a moment that Country music wasn't her destined path. At the young age of 11 she began touring with a small band and by 16 was performing at Dollywood six times a day, five times a week. Over the past eight years in Nashville, the CMT Next Women of Country alum has been blazing her own trail with the depth of her songwriting, more than 30 invitations to play the Grand Ole Opry and joining the bill with notable artists such as Kip Moore, Eli Young Band, Hunter Hayes and Lucy Hale of Pretty Little Liars. In 2016, Carly earned a coveted opening slot on Kelsea Ballerini's THE FIRST TIME TOUR and celebrated her first Top 40 hit, "Wasn't That



Little Texas

Drunk," a sultry collaboration with Josh Abbott Band. Fans and critics have taken notice of her "earthy, textured voice" (Wide Open Country) with her Top 25-and-rising single "Every Little Thing." The song has previously been named a "Highway Find" on SiriusXM, which also honored her one of their "Future Five for 2017." She is currently an iHeart ON THE VERGE artist, an all-genre initiative showing support for hot newcomers. Rolling Stone Country, The Huffington Post, Country Living, Sounds Like Nashville, The Boot, Whiskey Riff and One Country have all named

Carly an "Artist to Watch" in addition to being selected as a CMT Listen Up "17 for 2017" artist. Carly will hit the road with Bobby Bones this summer on his FUNNY & ALONE COMEDY TOUR, starting June 30 in Fort Wayne, IN. Currently working on new music for her debut album on Big Machine Records with hit producer busbee (Maren Morris, Keith Urban, Lady Antebellum), 2017 is destined to be Carly's breakout year.

As part of the Young Country movement of the early '90s, Little Texas were responsible for shaking up the country music world with a new, energetic sound that fused the look and attitude of modern rock music with traditional country themes and styles, bringing a much appreciated bolt of life into the genre. For their efforts, country fans the world over richly rewarded the band, buying up over 7 million of their albums, while critics showered them with 3 Grammy nominations plus honors from both the Academy of Country Music (Vocal Group Of The Year) and the Country Music Association (Album Of The Year). Their first radio release in 1991,



"Some Guys Have All The Love," became a Top-10 hit, as did their next single, "First Time For Everything." After the album "First Time For Everything" was released, five singles reached the top of the charts. The second album, "Big Time", truly was the big time for Little Texas. The sophomore release, which has sold more than three million copies to date, spawned three No. 1 singles "What Might Have Been," "God Blessed Texas" and "My Love" - and captured the group's first CMT Award, a Billboard award, a Radio & Records award and their first Grammy nomination.

Rion Paige, of X Factor Fame will also be joining us this year. She is a 17 year old American country singer from Jacksonville, Florida who finished in 5th place on season 3 of the X Factor USA. She was a part of the Girls category, mentored by Demi Lovato.

Rion, who has a rare condition called arthrogyriposis multiplex congenita which has caused permanent damage to her arms, resulting in her hands being in a fixed bent position. She also loves country music and cites Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift as a couple of her musical influences.

The presence of Carly, Little Texas, and Rion will be complimented with performers, hosts and emcees Charlie Chase, Red Steagall, Twyla Foreman, Jennifer Douglas Smith, and Braid Blanks to welcome patients, families, friends and neighbors.

The show will be televised live from the Abilene Convention Center, and special activities will be set up for kids in the foyer area. If you can't join us at the Convention Center, then you can watch the show live on television stations in Abilene, San



Carly Pearce

Angelo, Corpus Christi, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco / Temple / Bryan, and Lawton, Oklahoma.

You can also join the conversation on social media by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Use hashtag #WestTexasRehab when posting about Rehab 2018.

In addition to the Telethon, an annual internet auction of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses is open and we are currently taking bids at WestTexasRehab.org. Bids will be accepted until midnight on January 20th, and auction items will be on display at the Abilene Convention Center beginning at 6 PM on the 20th.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center is in its 65th year of treatment and care, but we couldn't do what we do without help from you. It is the support from our communities and friends that allow us to provide incredible services to those in need, no matter their financial circumstances.

Your donation, no matter the amount, is a gift of love and support. Join us January 20th for a fantastic night of heart-warming stories, great entertainment, our auction, quilt show, and more!

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