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#### LEADERSHIP letter By STEVE MARTIN, PRESIDENT & CEO



As I sit and write this letter, we are joyfully anticipating the Christmas holiday. One of my favorite things about the next few weeks is my daily trip to the mailbox to find treasures in the form of Christmas cards, family pictures, and catching up on current happenings with family and friends. It is hard to believe that, in 2023, West Texas Rehabilitation Center will celebrate 70 years of service to our patients and their families.

We are forever grateful to those employees, donors, and volunteers who had a vision of what West Texas Rehab could be and should be; and, who worked so hard to see it come to fruition and to further our mission to see more than 800 men, women, and children each day. Regardless of a patient's ability to pay, they receive the best rehab and hospice services available anywhere.

Sometimes, these experiences involve remodeling existing facilities, such as

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those recently completed in our Ozona facility (24 years old), and our San Angelo facility (41 years old). These updates will allow us to continue to provide outstanding care in the best facilities around, on equipment not always available in our communities if not for West Texas Rehab and our donors. Donors like E.T. & Carla Bradley who, following in the footsteps of Earl and Billye Bradley, have made state-of-the-art equipment available to our patients in many of our treatment areas.

Many times, creating these experiences involves adding new programs. Hospice of the Big Country became a part of West Texas Rehab in 2000. Hospice of San Angelo joined our family in 2018. We are now, through a partnership with Shannon Medical Center, adding an in-patient hospice unit in San Angelo to better serve our 15 counties in the Concho Valley where patients and families have a need for in-patient hospice care.

On rare occasions, achieving this bestcare experience involves moving our operations to an entirely new location. We have been in discussions for a while regarding a remodel or expansion of our current Abilene facility, which was built and first opened in 1955. It became clear very quickly that looking for a new location would be the appropriate direction to take, as discussed in the September 2022 issue of our magazine. Our Foundation trustees purchased 34 acres north of Sam's Club in Abilene in July of 2022. We are currently in the process of designing a state-of-the-art rehab

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facility to be located on this land.

I hope you will join us for the 53rd annual telethon on January 21, 2023. During that evening, we hope to unveil plans for a new facility and kick off a capital campaign, which will help raise money for the future home of West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

We are forever grateful for our history, and we owe it to those who came before us to plan for a long-term and effective future for West Texas Rehab - a place that will be the home for our patients and the best place to receive rehabilitation and hospice services now, and in the foreseeable future.

While employing the best folks anywhere and using state-of-the-art equipment, West Texas Rehab continues to provide services to more patients than ever. The recent remodel in San Angelo and Ozona, along with a new campus in Abilene, will ensure that West Texas Rehab will continue to provide these same exceptional services to the people of our communities for decades to come.

May God continue to bless you and vour family, this wonderful country, West Texas Rehab, and all who support this incredible organization. On behalf of all of us here at West Texas Rehab, have a prosperous new year.

Steve Martin

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#### **PATIENT** *spotlight* by suzanne click, director of marketing - san angelo



A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work. At least that is what I have been told. But for Eugene Castleberry, a bad day on the lake led to an accident that resulted in a horribly painful and debilitating shoulder injury. "I had an accidental fall out of my Tracker bass boat, in which I grabbed the trolling motor in a failed effort to stop my fall. This resulted in a fully torn supraspinatus rotator cuff tendon and a partially torn infraspinatus tendon." Eugene explains.

After successful shoulder surgery, Eugene's orthopedic surgeon recommended West Texas Rehabilitation Center and occupational therapy. "After my rotator cuff surgery, I was very nervous about beginning rehabilitation, expecting it to be more like physical torture. My wife and I even spent time praying that the therapist assigned would be professional, competent and gentle. Brady Burks, OTR, was literally an

answered prayer. He quietly calmed my fears and laid out a flexible plan then went to work." Eugene exclaims. "Mr. Castleberry underwent a rotator cuff repair prior to beginning his therapy journey. Following rotator cuff repair surgery there is a strict protocol that must be adhered to to ensure the successful outcomes of the surgery. The primary goal of therapy with Mr. Castleberry was to help decrease his pain, and help achieve the mobility and strength required for Mr. Castleberry to perform the activities that were meaningful to him." Brady reflects.

The goal of occupational therapy is to enable patients to fully participate in the activities of everyday life despite an illness or injury. Eugene's goal for his therapy was to be able to regain his prior range of motion and strength so that he could resume his normal activities. "I especially longed to be able to solo launch and trailer my boat, cast lures all day without pain, and catch that monster bass at Lake Nasworthy." Eugene comments. Brady helped Eugene fulfill his hopes

of resuming his normal retirement activities. "As an occupational therapist, my primary goal was to equip Mr. Castleberry with the necessary skills needed to return to the lake with the confidence and independence needed for a successful return to the activities that are important to him." Brady states.

At every appointment, our clinicians work one-on-one with patients to improve their quality of life, at whatever stage in life that might be. "Not only is Brady technically skilled and excelling in his profession; he also is friendly, positive, upbeat, and sincerely concerned for my progress. His highly persuasive motivational coaching kept me doing my at home exercises and has resulted in amazing progress!" Eugene expresses. "Treating and getting to know Mr. Castleberry throughout the therapy process was an absolute pleasure. Following a major surgery there are often risks of damaging the surgical repair, it is not typical in human nature to freely trust a stranger to control these risks throughout this process. Because of this apprehensiveness, I feel the relationships we are able to build with our patients through the one-on-one care we provide is an invaluable aspect of the therapeutic process." Brady exclaims!

No matter your hobbies, physical shape, or point of life, Quality of Life is what matters. At West Texas Rehab, our dedicated professionals will walk along beside you with respect, honesty and compassion. And Mr. Eugene Castleberry, enjoy the fishing!

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# THE POWER TO GIVE.



#### **VOLUNTEER** *spotlight* by chuck rodgers, vp development, wtrc foundation



Between our three locations in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, West Texas Rehabilitation Center puts on 44 fundraising events annually.

At every event, one thing you can always count on is the need for volunteers. Volunteers all come with great qualities and skills, but occasionally you come across someone who is the perfect fit and who continues to wow you time and time again. And for the volunteer needs of the fundraising events in San Angelo, that perfect fit is Suzi Reynolds.

Suzi was born in Monahans, Texas and moved to Midland after graduating. She moved to San Angelo in the Fall of 1975 where she attended Angelo State University. For 31 years, she worked at Shannon Medical Center, with the last 21 of those years serving as their Development Coordinator in the Marketing Department. As the Development Coordinator she was responsible for organizing special events and fundraisers.

"I saw firsthand at these events how essential volunteers are! Without

volunteers, who lend support free of charge, many non-profit organizations wouldn't be able to fulfill their missions." Suzi states. In May of 2021, Suzi hung up her hat and retired but she wasn't done giving back to the community she calls home!

In November of 2020, Suzi's husband of 32 years, Doran Reynolds, came to work for West Texas Rehab as our Agriculture Donor Relations Coordinator. "Doran was a huge help to me (as a volunteer) with my special events when I was working and I want to support him in the same way." Suzi explains. You will find Suzi at just about every Rehab event in the Concho Valley: from seating guests at Dancing with the San Angelo Stars, to registering shooters at our sporting clay shoot, to serving food at any of our Round Up for Rehab events. "West Texas Rehab is a valuable healthcare resource for San Angelo and the residents of the Concho Valley. If I can help make a difference by volunteering somewhere, then I'm there!" Suzi expresses.

When Suzi is not volunteering at a West Texas Rehab event, you can find her working at the Wesley Daily Bread Soup Kitchen or singing in

her church choir. She also serves as the Superintendent for the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Public Speaking Contest. Suzi explains, "My Mother was pretty high up in the Girl Scouts; consequently, I was raised as a Girl Scout. The Law & Promise below was instilled in me at a very young age and I hope to fulfill these laws and promises!"



The Girl Scout Promise states: On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law states: I will do my best to be kind to others, responsible, respectful of myself & others, and make the world a better place.

West Texas Rehab is truly blessed by Suzi Reynolds. For us, you are the perfect fit!





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#### **HOSPICE** *spotlight* by angle lane, director of hospice services



# Hospice in-patient unit coming to San Angelo in 2023

West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Hospice of San Angelo and Shannon Medical Center have partnered to facilitate an in-patient hospice unit to care for those at end of life. Hospice of San Angelo will lease and open a 16-bed hospice in-patient unit that will be located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Shannon South. The renovation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will create a home-like atmosphere to serve general hospice in-patient care, respite care, and residential hospice care. This area will include 16 patient rooms that will be

doubled in size so that family and friends can be with their loved one 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. The facility will include a family room, a dining area, nourishment room, consultation room, and its own chapel.

The in-patient hospice unit will service San Angelo and includes 15 counties in the Concho Valley.

This unit will be staffed by Hospice of San Angelo personnel who are experts in end-of-life care. This

will include physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Aides, Social Worker services, Chaplain services, Bereavement services and Volunteer services.

General Inpatient beds will be utilized for those patients having severe symptom management needs that cannot be managed at home. This short-term type of care provides the additional needed support for our patient until their symptoms can be controlled and they move to a lower level of care.

Our Respite beds will be utilized for patients for up to 5 days at a time to allow a patient's caregiver relief.

#### *Examples of use are:*

Caregiver Burnout - to provide a respite for the caregiver by providing respite care to the patient.

### HOSPICE *spotlight* by angle lane, director of hospice services

A caregiver needs to go out of town or on vacation. The patient would be cared for in the Respite unit during their absence.

A Caregiver is ill and needs time to recuperate.

Our Residential beds will be utilized for patients needing a place to call home while on hospice services.

Currently, there is not a Hospice Inpatient Unit in San Angelo and it will be a great service provided to those at end of life.

The setting will be created to provide a home-like environment with hospice staff providing the care. The staff are experts in end of life care and the same great care will be provided to every patient that qualifies for hospice care regardless of their ability to pay.

We serve the mission of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center with this facility which is to improve quality of life of those we serve regardless of financial circumstance.

Two non-profit organizations come together to meet one great big community need - Hospice of San Angelo will build on our foundation of providing excellent care and this Hospice Inpatient Unit and will ensure all terminally ill patients on our hospice service will have

every type of care needed to provide compassion and dignity in their final days.

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with hospice staff providing the care.



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Abilene Adult Therapy- Biodex Balance System for Vestibular Treatment:	\$12,665
Abilene Pacesetters- Fitness Equipment for Pacesetters Program:	\$5,525
San Angelo Adult Therapy- Stereo Optical Vision Screener for Driving Evals:	\$9,000
Abilene Adult Therapy- (4) - High/Low Treatment Tables:	\$6,980
Abilene Pediatrics- UV Sensory Light Kit, Brain Toys (Variety):	\$1,310
Abilene Pediatrics- Neofect Digital Smart Pegboard:	\$3,663
Abilene Pediatrics- Annabel Tipi Trellis for Horticulture Therapy:	\$1,200
San Angelo Orthotics and Prosthetics- Rikon Band Saw:	\$1,500
Abilene Adult Therapy- Genu Ease Total Knee Replacement Recovery System:	\$8,190
Abilene Adult Therapy- Sci Fit Recumbent Bike:	\$4,950
Abilene Pediatrics-VitalStim Plus Sysphagia Therapy Unit for Speech Therapy:	\$2,499
Abilene Pediatrics- Prentke Romich-Saltillo Speech Generating Device:	\$8,423
San Angelo Hospice- High Flow Oxygen Concentrator (2):	\$2,420
Abilene Employer Services- Pulmonary Function Test Equipment:	\$2,084
Ozona Adult Therapy- Bloodflow Restriction Therapy Unit:	\$5,299
Abilene Adult Therapy- Sit 2 Stand Squat Assist Trainer:	\$6,225
San Angelo Audiology-Verifit Skull Stim for bone conducting hearing aids:	\$3,105
Abilene Pediatrics- Green house and gardening table for Horticulture Therapy Program:	\$8,810
Abilene Pediatrics- Feeding program supplies:	\$780
Abilene Pediatrics- Soft Swing, Tower Swing, Ceiling Suspension Kit, Ball Swing:	\$2,329
Abilene Pediatrics- Enabling Devices Switch Assessment Kit:	\$1,446
Abilene Pediatrics- Enabling Devices Kit for the visually impaired:	\$2,957
Abilene Pediatrics- Just for Kids whole body vibration plate:	\$4,250
Abilene Pediatrics- Blazepods x 12:	\$800
Abilene Pediatrics- Grip Pro Upper Extremity Training Equipment:	\$2,800
Abilene Pediatrics-Weight rack, wrist/ankle weights, dumbbells:	\$1,730





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# **Telethon & Auction**

#### **DEPARTMENT** *spotlight* kathi masonheimer, director of marketing-abilene



Over the last five years, Abilene's adult therapy department, comprised of physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and Pacesetters, has seen exponential growth. In 2022, they've averaged 100 referrals a week, which has led to the hiring of new clinicians to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

You can't walk through their department without seeing how hard they work. The hard work is evident, but there is also a level of comradery, fun, and excitement also witnessed on a daily basis.

We took the time to sit down and talk to the clinicians and ask them how this growth has impacted them and what sets them apart from other clinics in the region.

#### What's the biggest strength of your department?

• Our patients benefit from having new grads to 40+ years of experience working in the same area every day and everyone's commitment to providing excellent care to our patients.

• The fact that we love what we do and have fun doing it. We have so much comradery and there is a willingness of all the therapists to help each other. We all work together as a team, helping each other out as needed and always backing each other up. Whether it is consulting with a difficult patient, swapping ideas for treatment interventions, brushing

up on manual therapy skills, or other advice, someone is always willing to help. No one wants to be in PT, but I feel our atmosphere makes it much easier Each of our staff members have additional certifications which allows each of us to practice with new skills sets to better serve the

community. Having state-of-the art equipment to treat the variety of patients we serve. Providing oneon-one treatment to the patients we serve.

• As a personal trainer, having direct communication with our physical therapists is huge! It allows us to continue personalized on-on-one patient care from physical therapy right into Pacesetters.

• I love working here, because I get to see people of all ages, with a variety of different health conditions. I treat people in adolescent years, working age and retired. I treat people with overuse or traumatic musculoskeletal injuries. I treat people to make them less likely to fall. I get to be a big part of recovery after orthopedic surgeries.

#### What sets WTRC apart from other facilities?

• Patients always say they appreciate all of the encouragement and smiling faces that they get here. The variety of ages and diagnoses that we get to treat.

• The legacy that has been created and continued over the 69 years- to be able to provide excellent care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay for their care.

• The wisdom that our Board of Directors has provided to this organization and our community all these years.

• Vast amount of knowledge between therapists, mentorship; fun, music. Time allowed with patients is great!

• So many of our therapists have specialties & certifications that set us apart in a vast area of treatments, equipment, and patient diagnoses. We truly individualize care for every person that comes through our door, spending one-on-one time between the patient & therapist, rather than handing them over to an assistant or technician or trying to juggle multiple patients at once. The therapist themselves give each patient their time and put their all into everything they do with them.

•We are able to see people who need care, despite their ability to pay and we have access to amazing equipment that you typically only find in big cities.

• Having a mission to serve all.

•We are constantly growing and adapting to better serve the people who walk through our doors.

•We offer the Pacesetter program which allows patients to continue their exercise program in the same environment that they were taught, and there are medical professionals available if needed.

• Patients often tell me they insisted that their doctor referred them here. I believe this is because we only treat one patient at a time, allow for longer treatment sessions, provide hands on care without use of techs or aides, and we try to ensure that patients are able to effectively take control of their health condition after they are done with physical therapy here.

• The way our organization is set up it attracts people who are genuinely interested in the well-being of patients without viewing them in a purely monetary way like some clinics do.

### **DEPARTMENT** *spotlight* kathi masonheimer, director of marketing-abilene

#### What sets your staff apart?

•We have clinicians who have a diverse set of certifications including vestibular, orthopedic, dry needling, golfing, running, and Parkinson's certifications.

• Because we spend so much time with each of our patients, we really develop a relationship with them. This enables us to provide a biopsychosocial approach to treatment encompassing emotions, work and life situations, sleep, stress, as well as physical symptoms.

• All of our staff are committed to continuing their education in keeping up with the latest evidenced based treatment.

•We have an amazing knowledge base, commitment to patients, low



turnover rate; the development of friendship between staff and patients.

• Highly trained professionals each having additional certifications. We provide excellent education on the current conditions of the patients we serve. Great personalities.

• Everyone here is after the same goal. I don't think there is one person here who isn't a team player. When someone is out, we all work together to make sure our clients/patients still



receive the best of care.

• Our staff truly brings a great variety of skills to the table which is combined with a deep caring for the people we serve. That is a combination that

sets us apart from other places.



I wish I could get to know all of the amazing people who have given of their time, their talent and their treasure to this life-changing & lifegiving place called West Texas Rehab Center! I do. I want to know what it is that drew them to giving in the first place, and what it is that keeps them giving today. What I've discovered over my five years of working for the Rehab is that generally people have what I like to call, their Rehab Story. Most of the time it's because they, or someone they love, or even someone they know, has received treatment from us. Sometimes it's simply because what we do is a good thing and, "By gosh, Abilene/San Angelo/ Ozona/our part of the world needs a place like that!"

But every now and then, it's that third reason, the fact that it's a "good thing", that couples with something a little different—an intangible that marks a person so profoundly they can feel it in their soul. I'd like to introduce you to a couple of those folks.

Eastland, Texas is home to a little under 4,000 good ol' west Texas folks, the legendary horn toad Old Rip, great schools, and E.T. and Carla Bradley. E.T. is the president and CEO of his family's company,

EBAA Iron, which was started by his father, Earl Bradley, in Earl's garage in 1964. Through my own reading, and then through a tour given to me by E.T., I learned that EBAA IRON is an enormous American family owned corporation with foundry and finishing facilities in Eastland and Albany Texas, as well as Cordele, Georgia. Their primary focus is on the production of iron restraints for the water and waste water industries, and they also hold numerous patents in the overall industry.

Now, I told you all of that to give you a little background. Because, even though the success of EBAA and the Bradley family may have given E.T., and now E.T. and his wife, Carla, the ability to bless and dramatically impact organizations all across the Big Country, that's really not the "rest of the story." The real story is more about passion, about family and lessons learned from a giving mom; about life at the "bottom" and then life essentially reborn. It's about the 12 Steps, about giving and caring; it's about knowing to Whom we belong, and Who is the real owner of all we have. You see our dear friend E.T. Bradley is 22 years sober, and the process he went through to get here, and the overwhelming influence of his mother, Billye, have helped shape

how he sees life and the world around him!

E.T.'s parents, Earl & Billye, fell in love with the mission of West Texas Rehab Center back in the early 80's and gave a nice gift each year at Telethon time. Then, in 2002, they discovered the Rehab's annual Dinner Show when the entertainer was The Gatlin Brothers. That began a tradition for EBAA and the Bradley family, and before you knew it they were purchasing two tables each year. After Earl's death in 2005, Billye continued sharing her treasure with numerous charities, and West Texas Rehab was fortunate to be one of them. Her generosity continued even after her passing in 2018, with gifts coming from her estate. What's interesting is that the entire time Billye was giving to others who needed it, her son, E.T. was watching-watching and learning and healing.

E.T. told me, "I learned the value and heart of giving from my mom, and she and my recovery program taught me that all we have is not our own, but a gift from God. E.T. said he learned through his 12 Steps the reality that God is the One doing the work, doing the giving, not himself. God does the healing. He puts in a person the desire to give." E.T. and Carla give to organizations they know are both doing good for the right reason, and are caretakers of what's been given to them. For the past 11 years E.T. and Carla have personally blessed our patients, our clinicians, and our mission so generously, and continue to do so today. They truly believe they are a conduit for the Lord to bless others.

that our two wonderful friends,

#### CALENDAR of events Abilene Dates, KARLA @ 325.793.3507 / SAN ANGELO DATES, BERKELEY @ 325.223.6313

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February	
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February 10	
March 31	
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April 27th	Dancing with the
May 2nd	
May 3rd	
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May 14th	
June 2nd	
June 4th	Hospice o
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#### **Event** 53rd Annual REHAB Telethon & Auction 1-28 Hearts Remembered Round Up of the Heart - Breckenridge Fine Arts Bldg. 6pm Singer Songwriter Event - The Stables at Fort Concho April 1 - Abilene Clay Shoot Dine Out to Give Back, San Angelo San Angelo Stars - Murphey Performance Hall, San Angelo 7:00 PM San Angelo Gives Abilene Gives Grain Round-Up - Top Tier Grain in Miles, Texas 11:30 AM C.A.S.T for Kids - Fort Phantom Lake, Abilene WTRC Spring Swing at Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo of the Big Country Butterfly Release, Nelson Festival Garden- Abilene Round-Up for Rehab Lamb & Goat Sale - Breckenridge Stamford Art Show Abilene Dinner Show Fort Chadbourne Ozona Goat Roper's Gala Round-Up for Rehab Abilene Sale Hospice of the Big Country Golf Tournament Cotton Round-Up Round-Up for Rehab Coleman Sale Round-Up for Rehab Pig Sale Show - 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena - San Angelo Round-Up for Rehab Stephenville Sale Round-Up for Rehab Sweetwater Shrimp Peel Round-Up for Rehab Danny Isbell Memorial Jackpot Show Big Country Christmas Ball Snyder, TX

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Aaron Watson's career is perhaps summed up best by Forbes, who says he's "one of country music's biggest DIY success stories."

For over 20 years, Aaron Watson has traveled the land as country's ultimate underdog troubadour – a truly independent artist with the spirit of the American frontier in his veins, and a self-made empire to match. Working

nonetheless reached the Top 10 of Billboard's Country Album chart five separate times - an impressive feat by any standard – and that includes his triumphant 2015 set, The Underdog, which landed at #1, becoming the first independent album in the history of country music to top the Billboard Country Albums chart. Matching sold-out shows across the country

with homegrown hits, he's followed suit at country radio, making history in 2017 when his single, "Outta Style," went Top 10 on the BDS/ Mediabase chart, making Aaron one of only three independent artists in 30 years to achieve that feat. "Watson has made a career out of giving his fans music that focuses on the positive. Music that serves as a salve to what ails them. Music filled with light and joy and an abundance of pride for the country he calls home," said People.com of the 2021 American Soul album.

Still pushing into the wind, Unwanted Man finds a creative renegade continuing to do what he does best, now working at the most "dangerous" level of his career.

With a dozen additional records under his belt, Watson is exceeding major-label-sized metrics while maintaining his independence, further galvanizing his "Texas country's reigning indie underdog" (Rolling

Stone) brand. "There may be no more genuine singersongwriter at the moment than Watson," says Texas Monthly, pointing to a self-made businessman, chart-topper, and road warrior whose authenticity has made him a country music staple.

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In a world of dreams, Tenille Arts has seen more come true in the last couple of years than even she could have imagined, and the latest of which is the release of her new full-length album Girl To Girl. The 13 songs were all written or co-written by Tenille, as letters to her current and younger self. "These are songs I wish I had when I was 15 and 16 years old. I wanted to write these like a big sister and share my experiences in hopes that people would feel less alone. Whether you're 15 years old, my age, or older, I want you to feel seen. I want you to dance to these songs, cry to them, and feel all the feels!"

Girl To Girl hit just as Tenille was wrapping up opening Lady A's coastto-coast What A Song Can Do Tour. Her "Back Then, Right Now" single, the first to be released simultaneously in the U.S. and Canada, is her second bona fide hit on Country radio. The album also features duets with Matt Stell and Callista Clark.

The new album follows her groundbreaking Love, Heartbreak, & Everything in Between collection, which yielded the #1 hit "Somebody Like That."

- The single, which was recently certified platinum in the U.S., made history as
- the first #1 Country single written, produced and performed by an allfemale cast. Tenille wrote the song with Allison Cruz and Alex Kline, and Kline produced the track.

"Somebody Like That" also spent three weeks at #1 on the Radio Disney Country Top 50 chart. The notoriety she received from the airplay and exposure landed her as the only Country artist featured in YouTube's 2021 Foundry Class, and led to her being featured in the advertising program for the new Google Pixel 6 device.

Born and raised in the small Canadian prairie town of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Tenille Arts' dream of performing took root at the tender age of eight. A neighbor overheard her singing a Shania Twain song in her back yard and encouraged her mom to help her pursue music.

After years of honing her craft and touring across Canada, Tenille began making the long trip to Nashville to advance her songwriting skills. Her determination and talent led to steadily increasing successes, as she earned a publishing deal in Nashville. Her 2016 self-titled debut EP peak at #1 on the iTunes Canada Top Country Album Chart and crack the Top 100 on the U.S. iTunes Country Album Chart. Arts released her full-length album Rebel Child in October 2017, having written 10 of the 11 songs. It debuted at #2 on the iTunes Canada Top Country Album Chart, #12 on the All-Genres Chart and reached #17 in the United States.

Hit ABC show The Bachelor bought into Tenille's talent early, and she has made three appearances performing original songs for millions of viewers. Each performance led to #1 songs on iTunes U.S. and Canada and gained her countless fans along the way. Back in Canada, Tenille has received 16 trophies from the Saskatchewan Country Music Association Awards from 2018 through 2022 including the National/International Artist Award this year. In September 2020, she received her first Canadian Country Music Association Award - the "Rising star Award." A few months later, she



received "Country Artist of the Year," "Album of the Year" (all genre) and "Single of the Year" for "Somebody Like That" from the SaskMusic Awards.

The last 18 months have been a whirlwind for Tenille. She was inducted into the prestigious CMT Next Women of Country Class of 2021 and named one of the five 2021 CRS New Faces of Country Music. This year, she was nominated for the ACM New Female Artist of the Year, iHeart Radio Music Awards Best New Country Artist. Her "Back Then, Right Now" single led to CMT Music Awards nominations for Female Video of the Year and Breakthrough Video of the Year. Her award show red carpet outfits at each show have landed her on numerous best-dressed lists.

Media has also caught on to Tenille Arts. She performed "Back Then, Right Now" on The Kelly Clarkson Show in January and has appeared on The TODAY Show and has been featured in People, Bustle, Entertainment Tonight, Hollywood Life, Forbes, Extra and more. Rolling Stone named her one of their "10 New Country Artists You Need To Know," calling her "An edgy, Fearless-era Taylor Swift with crystalline vocals; ideal for hopeless romantics who are fire signs."

Tenille opened dates on Scotty McCreery's Same Truck Tour through February 2022, opened for Luke Combs in the UK in March, and in between her own headline dates and festival appearances, opened Jordan Davis' Buy Dirt Tour through mid-May. July and August will see her back performing throughout the UK.





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