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LEADERSHIP letter by steve martin, president & CEO



Can you believe it, Round-Up for Rehab is right around the corner. For 65 years,

West Texas Rehabilitation Center and our patients have been so blessed by our farming and ranching families. Whether it be a donation of a bale of cotton, a bushel of grain, an animal, or cash donations, the agricultural community has always been there to support our patients, their families, and our communities.

Over the years, as sale barns have closed, folks have still found a way to help. A Christmas ball in Snyder, a Valentine's Day dance in Breckenridge, or a shrimp peel in Sweetwater are all examples of creative ways our agricultural families continue to find ways to help us fulfill our mission. We are grateful for their support and certainly hope you will join us at one of our many Round-Up events this fall, which begin with our Fort Chadbourne kickoff dinner August 17th.

As of August, we have \$45.8 million committed to our new building campaign, which is 53.85% toward our goal. Please read about this important project (on page 5) and help us reach our goal of making a new home for West Texas Rehab in Abilene a reality. We cannot do this without you, as well as the folks you know and can visit with about this project. So... please don't hesitate to reach out and inquire about how you can get involved. Please take 5 minutes to click on the QR code and watch the video about this life-changing project.

What an amazing summer it has been for our patients! We held our summer day camps for 200 kids in both Abilene and San Angelo in May and June and have had many other camps for kids throughout the summer. We are able to hold these camps free of charge due to the kindness and support of our volunteers and donors. In fact, the folks at our Sweetwater
Shrimp Peel in Sweetwater, Texas actually underwrite the costs of the 100 campers each year for the Abilene camp and, if you have never been to this event, you are definitely missing out. The Sweetwater Shrimp Peel is November 5th this year, so check our website for details about this and many other events throughout the year.

As I often say, we cannot do what we do each day without the kindness and support of our volunteers. I hope you will take the time to read about Craig and Jimmy Barton, as they are two amazing examples of giving of themselves, their time, and their resources to positively impact the lives of others. They consistently step up where needed to positively impact West Texas Rehab and our surrounding communities.

We are so grateful for the recent rains but please continue to pray for more especially for our ranching and farming communities, as their livelihoods depend on it, and our country depends on them. May God always bless you and your families, West Texas Rehab, the great state of Texas, and may God Bless America.

Respectfully,

Steve Martin, President/CEO

YEARS



Kent Harris loves to ride motorcycles.

In fact, he says his whole life he has enjoyed the thrill of the ride. First a horse, then a tractor, a beat up truck and a fast car...he's loved the excitement of them all! But June 19th, 2023 will forever be a day that the ride should have taken his life.

"Well, it was like any other Sunday morning bike ride with my buddies. We were headed towards Knickerbocker on the EQ, I was daydreaming, took the corner too fast, skidded across the line and drove head first into a dodge pickup truck. The only thing that saved me was my helmet. Yep, I should be dead!" Kent exclaims. But mercifully, through the quick action of his riding buddies and first responder, Kent did live. "When I awoke in the hospital, 7 days had passed. I don't remember anything about the accident. My wife had to explain what had happened." Kent explains.

After only 11 days, Kent was released from the hospital and sent home. You can only imagine the injuries he sustained. He had countless broken bones, a fractured jaw, internal bleeding, and a major concussion; just to name a few. "But the worst part was my right hand. It was completely numb from the elbow down. I'm a mechanic and without the use of my hand, I can't work. To say I was scared and frustrated is an understatement," Kent says.

With what felt like nowhere to turn, Kent made an appointment with his primary care physician. She immediately referred him to West Texas Rehab to begin physical therapy. "At my first appointment with my physical therapist, Luz'ce, I had no idea what to expect. I was in so much pain. I just knew it would be torture. But Luz'ce quickly eased my fears and helped get me motivated. I went from a walker, to a cane, to walking independently.

She also helped me with the pain I was having at night trying to sleep by giving me home exercises and adjusting my treatment plan to account for my hip and back pain. I am so grateful for her."

Kent was taking steps in the right direction on his recovery, but was still very concerned about his right hand. The numbness continued and he grew more worried he wouldn't be able to return to work. Kent told me, "I work for an amazing company, Angelo Pellets Kubota. I am their tractor mechanic. My boss, Mr. Tom Latham, assured me that I would always have a job to return to and to just focus on my recovery. With that reassurance, I was even more motivated to get my hand healed and get back to work!

Tom Latham, Owner/Operator of Angelo Pellets Kubota, had this to say about Kent, "We always take care of our key employees because, if you take care

PATIENT spotlight by suzanne click, director of marketing, san angelo

of them they will take care of you. Kent is not only a great mechanic but he is dependable and works hard. That is not easy to find."

Tom has been involved with West Texas Rehab as a donor since he bought

Angelo Pellets in 1995, and explains, "We support West Texas Rehab, especially their Round-Up for Rehab, because it closely involves local ranchers and farmers throughout the Concho Valley. It's just a good deal all around and we are happy to be involved."

After being discharged from physical therapy, Kent started occupational therapy to address the additional concerns with his hand. "At our initial evaluation, we found out he was a lead mechanic and needed the feeling and use out of his hand to be able to do his job. Mr. Harris went through a rehab process that allowed him to get full flexibility back of his fingers and wrist, and his feeling returned where he could use tools and return to work with full use of his arm and hand. His employer was fantastic to work with throughout the rehabilitation process, and that is something that we do not

always have happen. I would say that

Mr. Harris was lucky to have Angelo Pellets Kubota as an employer, and they are lucky to have a dedicated and hard working employee like Mr. Harris." Matt Wymore, occupational and certified hand therapist says.

Kent's story, just like Round-Up for Rehab, is a true testament to the "neighbor helping neighbor" philosophy! And, because of our generous donors, we can ensure patients like Kent receive the care they need... close to home! This long-standing

> tradition started over 60 years ago when Coke County ranchers Conda and Edna Wylie saw a need to help the West Texas Rehab Center. They had no available cash to give, so they donated some cattle, and the Round-Up for Rehab was born! To this

day, Round-Up for Rehab remains our oldest standing fundraising event! Many folks have no idea how they can afford the help they so desperately need, but because of the generous support of our farm and ranch community, the West Texas Rehab Center is able to carry out our mission of improving the quality of life of those we serve regardless of financial circumstances. And for that



to work at Angelo Pellets Kubota in October of 2023! "I am not working full days yet, and I have a ways to go, but I am so happy to be back and providing for my family. I know

Kent returned back



"We are extremely grateful!"

without the help of West Texas Rehab, Luz'ce and Matt, this would not be possible. And for that I am extremely grateful!"



Update on our progress!



\$45,769,675 **53.85%**



As of 9/3/24, we have OVER 53% of the money raised for the building!

If you've already given, we humbly thank you.

Our hope is that 70
years from now, folks
will remember a new
group of impact
makers; individuals and
businesses that, as
their legacy, made it
possible for patients
across the Big Country
to continue to receive
world-class care...right
here in Abilene!



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A Philosophy of Giving

If you are from the Concho Valley and involved in the livestock business then you have probably heard the names Craig and Jimmy Barton. Also, if you're from the Concho Valley and are involved in the livestock business, you are probably familiar with West Texas Rehabilitation Center and their Round-Up for Rehab program. But you may not know how the Barton's and West Texas Rehab have become intertwined and how they have taken the Round-Up for Rehab's philosophy of 'neighbor helping neighbor' to another level of giving!

How They Got Started

Being in the livestock business his entire life, Craig Barton was raised in a farming community northwest of Lubbock, Texas. He grew up showing livestock, primarily pigs and steers. He attended South Plains College, judging livestock, then went on to attend and graduate from Texas Tech University.

He managed a commercial cattle herd for 20 years.

Craig's son, Jimmy, grew up on the commercial cattle ranch southeast of Christoval, Texas. He showed lambs in 4-H and FFA, which had a big influence on the Barton's interest in the sheep business. He attended South Plains College and went on to earn a degree in Business Management from Angelo State University. He has been married to his wife Carol for 25 years and has one daughter, Landry, who is entering her junior year at Texas Tech University.

Together in 1990, Craig and Jimmy founded Barton Club Lambs, a black face sheep club lamb operation. Barton Club Lambs have won at most of the major shows in Texas as well as many out-of-state fairs.



How We Got Started

in lieu of a monetary donation. Sixty-five



VOLUNTEER *spotlight* by suzanne click, director of marketing, san angelo

years later, Round-Up for Rehab continues to raise awareness through livestock sales in multiple counties. Throughout the year, local ranchers can get involved by donating an auction item, cotton, grain, or livestock to one or more of our special Round-Up sales. Round-Up for Rehab remains West Texas Rehab's oldest running fundraiser.

made for show animals and they had plenty of room that time of year for the stock. In May of 2024, Doran experienced some unforeseen health problems which left him temporarily unable to work. Craig and Jimmy didn't hesitate to step in and help! They volunteered to take on what Doran was not able to do by splitting up the work,

as President for many years. Craig and Jimmy have both served on the Christoval Volunteer Fire Dept. for 30 years. Craig is currently the Fire Chief and Jimmy is President of the board. It has been a passion for both of them and the fire department has transformed into a first class operation under their guidance as well as the help

> of others. Jimmy currently serves as the Vice President of the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association.

We can all learn something from Craig and Jimmy about the importance of giving back. Truly selfless, they are the definition of the philosophy for which Round-Up for Rehab stands...'neighborhelping-neighbor'.



In 1960, West Texas Rehab's Round-Up for Rehab was born when Coke County ranchers Conda and Edna Wylie donated the first pen of cattle to West Texas Rehab

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Several years back, the Barton's offered to house and care for the lambs and goats that were to be sold at the Lamb and Goat Round-Up for Rehab Sale which takes place in Breckenridge, Texas in June. West Texas Rehab's Donor Relations Round-Up Coordinator, Doran Reynolds, would round up the livestock and take them to the Barton's ranch until the sale date. It was a natural fit because the Barton facilities were

calling past donors who had given, soliciting new donations, hitting the road to gather up the animals, housing and caring for the

animals and ultimately ensuring they got to the Round-Up sale for auction at Breckenridge.

No strangers to volunteering, Craig and Jimmy have a long history of giving when the need arises! They are founding members of the Texas Lamb Breeders Assn. and Craig served



off to you!

So thank you Craig and Jimmy, from all

of us, at West Texas Rehab, our hats are



Bring your quilt or afghan donations, visit with old and new friends, and let us admire your creation!

Telethon is January 25, 2025 and WTRC is already gearing up!

Both Abilene and San Angelo will be holding our annual brunches, dates and times listed below.



SAN ANGELO Quilt Brunch



(L) 10:30AM







ABILENE Quilt Brunch



10:30AM



NOV 8

WTRC BOARD ROOM 4601 HARTFORD ST. ABILENE, TX 79605

For more information call: 325-223-6364 (San Angelo) 325-793-3509 (Abilene)





Though you still have many shopping days between now and December 24th,

Now is the time to say "YES"

to West Texas Rehabilitation Center's offer to handle all the logistics of sending your Season's Greetings to family, friends, and business customers!

We'll inscribe the following message on your card(s) of choice:

A GIFT HAS BEEN MADE IN YOUR NAME TO WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER BY

(Your name inscribed here)

In addition to personalizing your cards, we'll neatly hand address them from the mailing list YOU provide, then stamp and mail them for you. If you want to include a personal note, we will deliver them to you ready for mailing.

West Texas Rehab is delighted to offer you this "no hassle" way of sending a meaningful season greeting to your friends, family, and business associates. The amount of your donation over the actual cost of cards and postage is taxdeductible. We greatly appreciate your support of West Texas Rehab! Your donation will help us continue to provide out-patient rehabilitative care to more than 850 patients each day. Thank YOU!

The pricing is as follows:

| 5 cards - \$40 | 100 cards - \$475 |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 10 cards - \$75 | 150 cards - \$650 |
| 25 cards - \$150 | 200 cards - \$750 |
| 50 cards - \$275 | 250 cards - \$850 |
| 75 cards - \$400 | 350 cards - \$1000 |

To place your order, simply complete and return the form on the back of this page and we'll do the rest! Our goal is to mail your cards shortly after Thanksgiving, so please get your order to us as soon as possible so we can accomplish imprinting and addressing in a timely manner.



Option 1: Christmas Tree Lights

"Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years"

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Name:

Option 2: Pediatric Art

May this festive season sparkle and shine, may all of your wishes and dreams come true and may you feel this happiness all year round. Merry Christmas!

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(Your name inscribed here)



Order Form

Company (if applicable):

| Address: | | | City: | | State: | Zip: |
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| I already ha | e my own | cards picked out th | is year. Please a | cept my donation t | o West Texas Re | hab. |
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FMI: Contact Stacy Greaves - San Angelo (325) 223-6311 West Texas Rehabilitation Center 3001 S. Jackson, San Angelo, TX 76904





Sweetwater
SHRIMP PEEL

SAUCTION

IN MEMORY OF HOMER GRIMES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 DOORS OPENS AT 6PM

NOLAN COUNTY COLISEUM ANNEX

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

PLATINUM: \$1,000 • 20 DINNERS GOLD: \$500 • 8 DINNERS SILVER: \$250 • 4 DINNERS

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PRESENTED BY:

STEVEN & JAN SMITH TOLAND & KRISTIN SMITH

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EQUIPMENT wishlist

| Quote | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| \$1,100 | Gripable Platform for Hand and Arm Functions (AB) |
| \$1,200 | Annabel Tipi Trellis for Horticulture Therapy (AB) |
| \$1,770 | Breastfeeding Program Supplies (SA) |
| \$1,950 | Employer Services Team Trainer (AB) |
| \$2,215 | Rogue Wall Mounted Ergonomic Therapy Equipment (SA) |
| \$2,420 | Hospice High Flow Oxygen Concentrator x 2 (SA) |
| \$2,800 | Grip Pro Upper Extremity Training Equipment (AB) |
| \$2,957 | Enabling Devices Kit for Visually Impaired (AB) |
| \$3,000 | Pedi Peanut Ball, Resistance Tunnel NMES Unit (SA) |
| \$3,140 | 3-Section Hi-Lo Treatment Table (SA) |
| \$3,663 | Pediatrics Neofect Digital Smart Pegboard (AB) |
| \$4,250 | Just for Kids Whole Body Vibration Plate (AB) |
| \$4,300 | Musical Touch Wall for Pediatric Therapy (AB) |
| \$5,292 | Hi-Lo Pediatric Treatment Table (AB) |
| \$5,525 | Fitness Equipment for Pacesetters Program (AB) |
| \$5,775 | Bloodflow Restriction Therapy Unit (OZ) |
| \$5,784 | Adult Therapy Lympha Touch Therapy Device (SA) |
| \$5,895 | Two Section Pediatric Treatment Table (AB) |
| \$6,672 | Adult Therapy Sit 2 Stand Squat Assist Trainer (AB) |
| \$7,300 | Early Detection Hearing Test Tool for Infants (SA) |
| \$7,450 | Women's Health Pathway Ultrasound Imaging System (AB) |
| \$7,900 | Eye Gaze Augmentative Communication Device (AB) |
| \$8,423 | iPads (20) Pediatric Communication Interactions (AB) |
| \$8,810 | Greenhouse for Horticulture Therapy (AB) |
| \$9,000 | Stereo Optical Vision Screener for Driving Evals (SA) |
| \$9,510 | Adult Therapy Tactile Lymphedema Pump (SA) |
| \$15,483 | Natus Otoscan Digital Ear Scanner (SA) |
| \$16,640 | Intelect Shockwave Therapy System (SA) |
| \$20,045 | Pediatric Hearing Evaluations Tool (SA) |
| \$30,605 | LiteGait Treadmill for Unweighted Gait Training (OZ) |
| \$32,650 | Pediatric LiteGait Treadmill (AB) |
| \$33,650 | ReWalk Spinal Cord Injury Exercise System (SA) |
| \$45,357 | BTE Work Simulator for Adult Therapy (AB) |
| \$49,900 | Lightforce Laser Therapy System (SA) |
| \$33,650 \$45,357 | ReWalk Spinal Cord Injury Exercise System (SA) BTE Work Simulator for Adult Therapy (AB) |

To donate a piece of equipment from this wishlist, visit: westtexasrehab.org/general-donation/wish-list-equipment



CALENDAR of events abilene dates, Karla @ 325.793.3507 / SAN ANGELO DATES, STACY @ 325.223.6311

| Date | Event | | | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| September | | | | | | |
| 6th | Hospice of the Big Country Boots & Bling with Jake Hooker, Whiskey Rodeo Abilene, 7 PM | | | | | |
| 16th | Round -up Pig Sale, Nolan County Coliseum, Sweetwater, TX 5 PM | | | | | |
| 17th | Round-up for Rehab - Abilene Sale, Lunch at 11 AM, Auction at 1 PM | | | | | |
| 21st | | | | | | |
| 26th | Round-Up Sale – San Angelo Producers | | | | | |
| 28th | REHAB Junior Anglers – Lake Nasworthy – San Angelo, TX | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| 1st | Cotton Round-Up - San Angelo | | | | | |
| 2nd | Round-Up Coleman Sale – Coleman, 11 AM | | | | | |
| 3rd | HOBC's Golf Tournament - Fairway Oaks Golf Course - Abilene, TX, 8 AM Tee off | | | | | |
| 8th | Powell Bull Sale | | | | | |
| 10th | San Angelo Dinner Show - First Community Federal Credit Union, 6 PM | | | | | |
| 10th | Round-Up Dudley Brother - Comanche, TX | | | | | |
| 19th | Ozona Goat Roper's Gala - Ozona Convention Center, 6 PM | | | | | |
| 26th | Round-Up for Rehab - Stephenville Cattle Co., 11 AM | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| 5th | Round-Up Sweetwater Shrimp Peel - Nolan County Annex - Sweetwater, TX, 6 PM | | | | | |
| 7th | SA Quilt Brunch | | | | | |
| 7th | Hospice of the Big Country Candlelight Memorial Service, Logsdon Chapel HSU, 6:30 PM | | | | | |
| 8th | Quilt Brunch – Abilene, TX | | | | | |
| 14th | HOSA Candlelight Service- 6 PM - location TBD | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| 6th | HOSA Light Up a Life @ 6:00 PM - WTRC Conference Room - San Angelo, TX | | | | | |
| 7th | Round-Up Danny Isbell Memorial Rehab Jackpot Show, Taylor County Expo Center - Abilene, TX | | | | | |
| 14th | Round-Up Big Country Christmas Ball – Snyder Coliseum Doors open at 7 PM | | | | | |
| January 2025 | | | | | | |
| 25th | 55th Annual Rehab Telethon & Auction - Abilene Convention Center | | | | | |

2024





2024 ROUND UP FOR REHAB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

COLEMAN LIVESTOCK AUCTION

11:00 AM

For more information or to donate please call the auction barn: 325-625-4191

2024 Round Up for Rehab Underwriters











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West Texas Rehab Hosts Unforgettable Summer Camps for Children with Special Needs

This summer, West Texas Rehab's pediatric departments once again opened their doors to children with special needs for two exciting and enriching summer camps. These camps, designed to provide not only a fun-filled experience but also essential therapeutic support, have become a cherished tradition for families across the region.

Building Confidence and Lasting Friendships

Camp Rehab is more than just summer camp; it's a life-changing experience. Children leave with a renewed sense of confidence, new skills, and friendships that last well beyond the summer. For many families, these camps offer a rare opportunity for their children to experience the joys of summer camp in an environment tailored to their unique needs.

West Texas Rehab is proud to offer these camps as part of our commitment to providing comprehensive care that addresses the physical, emotional, and social well-being of every child we serve. We believe that every child deserves the chance to have fun, grow, and succeed, and our summer camps are a shining example of this mission in action.















AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

Your contribution will raise vital funds for rehabilitation services and make a real difference in people's lives. We welcome unique experiences, valuable merchandise, or anything that will excite our viewers.



For more information on how you can donate to WTRC, or attend this years telethon please Contact Us: 325-223-6364 (San Angelo) visit our website at WestTexasRehab.org

325-793-3507 (Abilene)



Your Cattle Today!





WTRC along with our Livestock Auction Partners are accepting early donations! -

Abilene Sale

September 17, 2024

1:00 PM

Abilene Livestock Auction

San Angelo Sale

September 26, 2024

11:00 AM

Producers Livestock Auction



oup IV - Member Owned Electric Co-Ops







More Information:

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