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Leadership Letter

By Steve Martin, President & CEO



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As we prepare to embark on 2026, our 73rd year of service to our patients and communities, it is hard not to reflect on how West Texas Rehabilitation Center has been blessed throughout our history.

We often reflect on the volunteers, leaders, and community members who came together in 1953 to establish this organization by hiring a young, visionary, physical therapist named Shelley Smith, who so positively impacted the direction of this amazing place. And we owe it to those who came before us and those who will come after us to ensure West Texas Rehab is here to serve patients for generations to come.

I tell each new employee that comes to work here, "Whether you are here for three months or 30 years, if the Rehab is better off when you leave than when you came, you have done your job." I firmly believe that if we do right by our patients, our employees, and our communities, good things will happen. Nothing could embody this more than the blessing of the new facility in Abilene that West Texas Rehab will call home in the next couple of years.

After thoughtful prayer and an outpouring of community support from foundations, individuals, and businesses, we will break ground on our new home February 5, 2026. There will be opportunities to continue to give throughout the construction process, and I hope you will monitor the progress of the building project on our website by scanning the QR code on this page.

We are so appreciative of the support and the blessing you have been to this legacy project. Every employee, donor, and patient in the past 73 years has helped make this new building possible, and every patient, employee, and donor in the future will continue to build on this legacy of service to others.

I hope you plan to tune in to Rehab 2026, our 56th Annual Telethon. We have an amazing lineup, as you will read about inside. Our auction went live on December 19, 2025, and is a very impactful part of our Telethon, but without bidders, it will struggle to be a success.

Please see the information about our auction, share it with others, and use the Handbid app to log in. Even if you don't win, it pushes other folks to be more actively involved in supporting our patient care.

As we reflect on 2025 and look forward to 2026, we should all take time to appreciate the blessings bestowed upon us. We are blessed as an organization to have employees and donors who help our patients achieve great things every day. Thank you for making this dream of a new facility a reality, and thank you for blessing West Texas Rehab through the years and into the future.

Please pray for the construction of this new facility, our communities, and this amazing country of ours. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Blessings,

Steve Martin, President/CEO



Please scan the QR code to stay updated on our building progress.

2026 Spring Events

February

- ALL Hearts Remembered - Hospice of the Big Country
- 11 San Angelo Dine Out to Give Back - Jason's Deli
- 14 Round-Up of the Heart - Breckenridge Fine Arts Building 6:00pm
- 27 Singer/Songwriter - San Angelo -The Performing Arts Center, 6:00pm

April

- 10 Top Gun Sporting Clay Shoot, 11:00am - 5:00pm, Abilene Clay Sports
- 11 Top Gun Sporting Clay Shoot, 8:00am - 3:00pm, Abilene Clay Sports
- 11 Top Gun Sporting Clay Shoot Dinner & Auction, 6:00pm
- 30 Dancing With The San Angelo Stars, 7:00pm, Murphey Performance Hall

May

- 5 Abilene Gives/San Angelo Gives
- 29 Spring Swing Golf Classic – San Angelo-Quicksand 9:00am



We are breaking ground February 5, 2026!

Join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking of our future Abilene facility, and look ahead to everything this new space will allow us to do for our patients and their families.

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56TH ANNUAL REHAB TELETHON

Rehab 2026 will be live January 31st and televised from the Abilene Convention Center at 7:00 P.M. It will be the 56th annual Rehab Telethon.

Television Stations airing the show: Abilene (KRBC/KTAB) San Angelo (KSAN/KLST) Corpus Christi (KZTV) Midland/Odessa (KOSA) Lubbock (KLBK) Amarillo (KFDA) Waco/Temple/Bryan (KXXV/KRHD), Wichita Falls, Lawton, OK (KSWO). The show will again be streaming live from anywhere in the world at WestTexasRehab.org.

In addition to the telethon, an annual internet auction of over 650 items of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses, in 25 categories, with a retail value of over half a million dollars. Download the Handbid app and search for "Rehab 2026 Telethon & Auction" to start bidding. The auction is currently live and bids will be accepted until midnight on January 31st. Auction items will be on display at the Abilene Convention Center the night of Telethon starting at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to check the auction often, as new items are added daily!



An auction television show featuring all the items will air in Abilene and San Angelo from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on the night of the telethon. The online auction ends at midnight on January 31st. Thank you to KRBC/ KTAB in Abilene and KLST/KSAN in San Angelo for being our television sponsors.

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This year, Aaron Watson and Annie Bosko will be our featured entertainers. Big Band/Swing Music artist Jake Hooker will take the stage for a second year. Charlie Chase, long time co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network, will return to anchor the Rehab2026 host desk.

Red Steagall and The Boys in the Bunkhouse will be with us again this year. ESPN Rodeo reporter and Wrangler representative, Jennifer Douglas Smith (Cowboy Hall of Fame), and Brittany Pelletz, KTAB anchor, will be live with our patient stories and interviews. Randy Turner, KLST chief meteorologist and anchor, will be live at the phonebank throughout the night for breakaway interviews.

The telethon and auction raise more than one million dollars annually, making it possible for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to serve more than 850 patients each day regardless of their financial circumstances.

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West Texas Rehab, which operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, will celebrate its 73rd year in 2026.

Aaron Watson: A West Texas Original



Aaron Watson is a man forever looking to the horizon. Where other artists might rest on their laurels, he consistently presses onward to the next frontier, cutting through lazy industry wisdom in favor of success won on his own terms.

He is the first independent male country artist ever to debut an album at No. 1 on the Billboard Country chart, a feat recognized in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

He has earned a litany of prestigious awards, hundreds of millions of streams on his music, shared the stage with country music legends Willie Nelson and Alan Jackson, and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for multiple charities.

This next chapter of his trailblazing career sees him deep in the weeds on two projects: the first, an album of covers dedicated to his daughter; the second, a 2024-slated album of originals that promises to be his most daring and audacious release to date.

"My goal is to put out the best country album in all of country music in 2024," he says simply, "It sounds crazy, but then pretty much everything I've done sounded crazy until I did it."



Watson hails from Amarillo in West Texas and began writing songs whilst still in high school. He began performing in college, eventually forming a band and developing a loyal following.

Despite being approached by major labels, Watson chose the road less traveled and released his work independently. This turned out to be the right call when his album "Real Good Time" charted in the top ten nationwide on Country Billboard. An unheard of feat at the time.

With the taste of success fresh on his lips, Watson pushed onward and created "Underdog" which became the first Country album released independently to chart at number one. "People told us that it had never been done. It was impossible. I don't put so much stock in that word anymore."

Aaron Watson is nothing if not audacious, and his promise to fans that his next album of originals will be the best Country album of 2024 stands firm.

By his own admission, the songs are, by-and-large, completed, yet Watson continues to push himself to make them better.

"I love every second of what I get to do, but if making music is a marathon (and it is), I want to collapse to the ground the second after I cross the finish line. Nothing left to give."

Aaron Watson is a man constantly reaffirming his dedication to the craft of songwriting, and it is this commitment to quality and treating his fans with respect that has proved him, time and again, to be the living North Star for country music's free and indomitable spirit.



California Cowgirl

with a Heart as Big as Texas



Annie Bosko

The 2026 West Texas Rehab Telethon stage is set to shine even brighter this year with the dazzling presence of country music's rising powerhouse, Annie Bosko. Blending the grit of her California farm roots with the soul of true country tradition, Bosko brings her signature mix of powerhouse vocals, heartfelt storytelling, and unshakable spirit to Abilene — and she's ready to deliver a performance fans won't forget.

Fresh off the release of her highly anticipated debut album California Cowgirl, Bosko is taking the country world by storm. The 19-track collection, released via QHMG/Stone Country Records, perfectly captures her California-meets-Country sound — grounded in faith, family, and fire.

Produced by Trent Willmon (Cody Johnson) and David "Messy" Mescon (Megan Moroney, Dasha), the album features a powerhouse lineup of collaborators, including Darius Rucker on "Old Friends," Dwight Yoakam on "Heartburn," and Joe Nichols on "Better Than You." The record also showcases songs penned by some of country music's finest, including Lainey Wilson and Garth Brooks.

Rolling Stone hailed Bosko as an artist who

“...mixes her innate West Coast chill with country's personal lyrics...”

It's easy to see why. Her breakout single "Crooked Halo" became a SiriusXM and CMT favorite, while "Neon Baby" marked her first charting hit and landed her a debut performance on Jimmy Kimmel Live!.

Since then, she's taken some of the biggest stages in country music — from Stagecoach and CMA Fest to Rodeo Houston and even Madison Square Garden, where she's performed the National Anthem for major sporting events across the NFL, NBA, and MLB.

But for all her star power, Annie Bosko's heart remains firmly rooted in giving back — a quality that makes her a perfect fit for the West Texas Rehab Telethon.



Her emotional 2023 release, "Dandelions," written in memory of the victims of Nashville's Covenant School shooting, raised funds for affected families through ACM Lifting Lives and revealed a depth of compassion that shines as brightly as her talent.

As an Ariat International ambassador, she recently appeared alongside 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy in a national campaign featuring her song "Honky Tonk Heartbeat." Later this year, Bosko will join the legendary Dolly Parton for a special date of Dolly: Live in Las Vegas at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace — a milestone that underscores her fast-rising star power in country music.

For West Texans, her performance at the 2026 Telethon is more than just a concert — it's a celebration of resilience, faith, and music's power to heal. Annie Bosko embodies all of that and more. With her radiant energy and heart for helping others, she's sure to bring a little California sunshine and a whole lot of country soul to the Telethon stage.

Get ready — this California Cowgirl is riding into West Texas, and she's bringing the joy, heart, and hope that make our annual Telethon one to remember.

Learn more at AnnieBosko.com or follow along on Instagram, TikTok, and X @AnnieBosko.



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Hearts Remembered

Hearts Remembered is held each year during February. This is an event which offers an opportunity for family and friends to publicly honor or remember a special person in their life while supporting Hospice of the Big Country in providing care for the terminally ill.

For a \$10 or more donation, your chosen name will be inscribed on a heart and prominently displayed during the month of February at the Abilene West Texas Rehab Center

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AND THEIR TEAM



San Angelo and Abilene team members (left to right) Lexi Sparks, Wade Kirkwood, Mackenzie Davis, Stacy Greaves, Jason Prew, Wayne Henderson, Karla Brown and Elizabeth Shea

Across West Texas Rehabilitation Center's three locations, more than 40 fundraising events come to life each year events that directly fuel patient care and ensure that no one is ever turned away based on ability to pay. Behind this incredible effort stand two exceptional leaders: Karla Brown, Director of Donor Relations in Abilene, and Stacy Greaves, Director of Donor Relations in San Angelo. Both lead extraordinary teams, and both work tirelessly days, evenings, and weekends—to ensure every donor feels valued and every event fulfills its purpose. Their stories are unique, but their passion is shared!

Meet Stacy!

D.R. Director – San Angelo

Stacy Greaves joined West Texas Rehab on September 18, 2020, bringing both grit, determination and a deeply personal connection to the mission.

As the Director of Donor Relations in San Angelo, Stacy leads a team that works around the clock—literally—to plan events, build donor relationships, and ensure every dollar raised goes toward patient care.

What She Loves Most

Stacy's love for her job can be summed up simply: **“Everything!”**

She is proud to work for an organization committed to caring for people regardless of their ability to pay. Seeing patients in the hallways, hearing their stories, and knowing that fundraising supports each one is what she calls **“the icing on the cake.”**

She also cherishes the meaningful relationships formed with supporters and friends of the Rehab

Her Passion for Fundraising

Stacy's passion comes from a deeply personal place. Her brother was once a long-time patient of West Texas Rehab Center.

“Seeing all the great things they did for him, my mom, and me is one of the many reasons I love West Texas Rehab,” she shares. Fundraising is her way of giving back to the organization that once supported her family. Each dollar she helps raise becomes part of her own story of gratitude.

Her WHY

Stacy's “why” is grounded in service. “My why is for every patient that comes through our door,” she says.

Her mission is to ensure donors understand the incredible impact they make—and to honor the people who once raised funds for her own brother. “The fact that I am doing that today is a dream come true for me.”

Meet Karla!

D.R. Director – Abilene

Karla Brown began her journey with West Texas Rehab in August 2016, stepping into a role that quickly became more than just a job—it became a mission!

As the Director of Donor Relations in Abilene, Karla guides a dedicated team responsible for nurturing donor relationships and executing some of the region's most impactful fundraising events. Her work involves strategy, planning, and a great deal of heart.

What She Loves Most

Karla's favorite part of her job is seeing generosity in action. “My favorite part of my job is seeing the direct impact of our donors on the lives of our patients,” she says.

Whether she's watching a child smile in therapy thanks to donor-funded equipment or witnessing a patient take their first steps, Karla finds deep joy in the moments where donors' gifts transform lives.

She also treasures the relationships she builds with individuals, families, and businesses whose personal stories inspire her daily.

Her Passion for Fundraising

For Karla, fundraising is more than numbers—it's connection. “I'm passionate about fundraising because it connects people's generosity with meaningful impact,” she explains.

She thrives on being the bridge between donors and the outcomes their gifts make possible.

Her WHY

After years in fundraising, Karla understands her purpose clearly: “I'm here to connect good-hearted people with the incredible things their support makes possible.”

While her work includes meetings, spreadsheets, and many late nights, the true reward is seeing the real-life difference those efforts create for patients across West Texas.

Behind-the-Scenes of Fundraising

When people think of West Texas Rehab, they picture our clinicians working with patients, families celebrating big milestones, and the incredible stories of healing that unfold every day. What most people don't see is the "behind the scenes" work that makes all of that possible—especially the fundraising engine that fuels our mission.

And like any good engine, ours has a key component quietly powering everything in the background: Blackbaud Raiser's Edge. It helps us understand who our supporters are, what they care about, and how we can continue building strong, lasting relationships.

It guides our communication, strengthens campaigns, and ensures that not a single gift or opportunity slips through the cracks. In other words, it allows us to raise money with intention. But a system is only as good as the person running it—and here at West Texas Rehab, that person is Jason Weaver.

Jason joined the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation in December 2017, bringing with him a dynamic background that spanned high school education and more than 17 years of development and marketing experience with a Texas Panhandle nonprofit. His blend of experience across fundraising, strategy, and communication has made him an invaluable part of our team.

Around here, Jason is affectionately known as our "Raiser's Edge guru." He understands the system inside and out—how to track gifts accurately, how to pull meaningful insights, how to target the right audiences, and how to create fundraising strategies that truly resonate. His work ensures that donors are thanked, recognized, and engaged in ways that reflect the heart of our mission.

Beyond the technical expertise, Jason brings genuine passion to everything he does. A proud father of three, he carries that same sense of purpose and commitment into the Foundation, always working to ensure that every gift—large or small—has the potential to leave a lasting legacy for West Texas Rehab...and for the donors who make our mission possible.

At the end of the day, fundraising isn't just about raising money. It's about connection, trust, gratitude, and community. Thanks to tools like Raiser's Edge—and leaders like Jason—our Foundation is able to support the heart of West Texas Rehab with excellence, clarity, and compassion.

Because when the behind-the-scenes pieces work well, the mission shines even brighter out front.



Jason Weaver
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A Journey Worth Fighting For

This is the story of Kaylee Taylor, a 22-year-old young woman whose life was forever altered one March afternoon, but who is proving that strength, determination, and the support of a caring community can make all the difference.

On March 18, 2025, Kaylee was riding with friends near Hawley when tragedy struck. Her car blew a tire, crashed, and in an instant, everything changed. Kaylee was care-flighted to Fort Worth, where doctors placed her on a ventilator and fought to keep her alive. Sepsis set in as her body struggled to recover from the trauma. After days of battling, her family received the news no one wants to hear: to save Kaylee's life, she would lose her left leg above the knee and her right arm above the elbow.

Imagine being 22 years old and hearing those words. For most of us, it would feel like the end. But for Kaylee, it was the beginning of a new journey.

The weeks that followed were grueling. She endured surgeries, battled phantom limb pain, and adjusted to a new reality of dependence on others for even the simplest of tasks. Yet from the very beginning, Kaylee carried herself with remarkable resolve. She leaned on her grandparents, her aunt, and other family members who surrounded her with love and encouragement. She set her sights not on what she had lost, but on what she could still achieve.



By August, just four months after her accident, Kaylee arrived at West Texas Rehab for her first physical therapy evaluation. She had just received her first prosthetic leg, crafted right here in our facility. With it came hope—and Kaylee wasted no time telling her therapy team her greatest goal: **"I need to walk!"**

That single, powerful statement captures everything about Kaylee's spirit. She doesn't just want to survive. She wants to live—fully, independently, joyfully!

Her care team saw the same determination. *"Throughout the fitting process, what really stood out about Kaylee was her eagerness,"* said Conner Jordan, her prosthetist/orthotist. *"From the first visit, she wasn't focused on where she was, but where she wanted to be."*



At that first evaluation, her therapists noted that she could already maneuver her wheelchair with independence, hop short distances on her right leg, and transfer from bed to chair without help. These are not small achievements for someone who has endured so much. But Kaylee wants more. She dreams of getting to ride horses, something she has enjoyed since she was a child. One day, she hopes to live by herself again and even return to work.

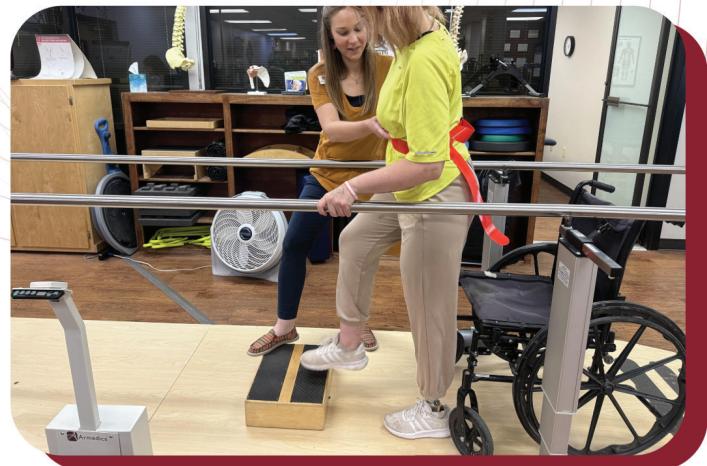
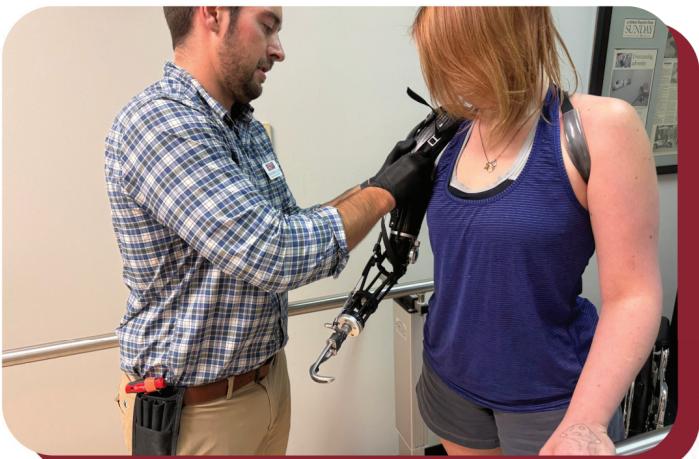
Erin Hicks, her physical therapist, has witnessed the same determination firsthand. *"It's been amazing to work with Kaylee and her family... I'm so proud of the hard work she is putting in and of the 'never give up' attitude she continues to demonstrate. She's already come so far since we first started working together, and I am so excited to see what all she accomplishes in the future! Her possibilities are endless!"*

The road ahead won't be easy. She still faces daily phantom limb pain. She still has to build strength, to regain her balance, and has countless hours of practice ahead of her. But what she has, thanks to YOU, is a team that refuses to let her face this journey alone.

Unlike anywhere else, Kaylee is able to receive everything she needs under one roof at West Texas Rehab: physical therapy, prosthetics, and the compassionate support of specialists who believe in her. Her therapists are not only helping her strengthen her body—they're helping her rebuild her life. They've set goals with her: walking independently, negotiating stairs safely, standing for long periods, and eventually managing every daily task without assistance.

In addition to her leg, Kaylee is also receiving a prosthetic arm through West Texas Rehab. Her fitting appointments are complete, and the final device is being fabricated. Once it arrives, she will return for delivery and begin working closely with our occupational therapy team to master the daily skills that will give her greater independence. From holding objects to completing everyday tasks, this next step in her journey will help open doors for her future.

“She was ready—ready to return to the things she enjoyed before and, most importantly, ready to get back on two feet and not depend on her wheelchair,” Conner adds.



Every week, Kaylee shows up with determination in her eyes. And every week, she makes progress. That progress is made possible because of our donors.

Kaylee's story is about more than an accident, more than surgeries, and more than prosthetics. It's about resilience. It's about refusing to let tragedy write the final chapter. It's about the way a community can rally behind someone to lift them higher than they ever thought possible.

Today, Kaylee is walking toward that hope—one step at a time. And as she takes those steps, she carries with her the encouragement of her family, the expertise of her therapists, and the generosity of friends like you.

I cannot tell you what it means to stand beside someone like Kaylee, to witness firsthand the courage it takes to strap on a prosthesis and attempt those first uncertain steps. What I can tell you is that when you support West Texas Rehab, you are part of those moments. You are part of every breakthrough, every tear of joy, every moment when someone realizes that their life is not defined by what they've lost, but by what they can still achieve.

Kaylee is not giving up. And neither are we. With your help, we can ensure that she—and hundreds of other patients like her—receive the care, the tools, and the encouragement they need to succeed.

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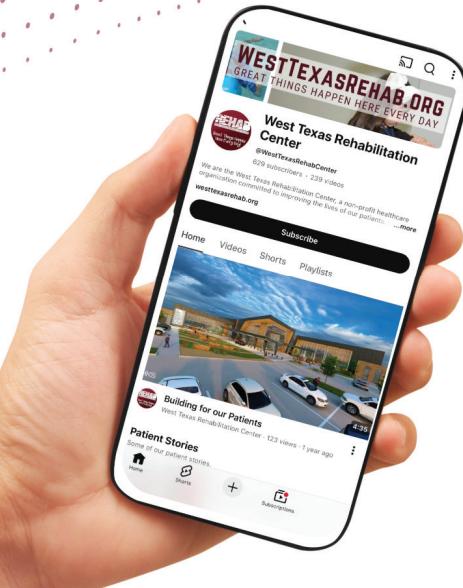
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