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— Country Singer —

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Local Man Is Trying To Bring Joy To These  
Trying Times  
*With an inspirational story*

BAKERSFIELD, CA – I am a Local Country music singer and a Bakersfield, CA native. My name is Scotty Crabtree and I am trying to bring inspiration and enjoyment during these trying times of coronavirus with my book titled Riding the Pink Cadillac. The book was published in November 2015, However, I am hoping shining light on it again during this difficult time will bring hope and encouragement to those who need it most.

At birth, few people knew if I would live past infancy. Growing up with Cerebral Palsy, my future was uncertain. Thanks to the company of family and friends in the Bakersfield Community, I would be “just fine.” Despite losing loved ones, undergoing painful surgery, along with life’s daily obstacles, I believe in celebrating life and pursuing my dreams as a country music artist - especially since the fateful night one man told me one thing, “You can do anything you set your mind to.

March is also cerebral palsy awareness month so that is why I am pitching this to the media currently. I also was a big part of the community in the past. I grew up with close contacts with Bakersfield’s own Buck Owens along with the “World’s only Buckarette Kim McAbee. Kim was the one who made it possible for me to have the chance to be personal friends and to be influenced by Mr. Owens.

I also love to be an influence and advocate for people with disabilities. A lot of people with disabilities in the Bakersfield area and beyond look up to me due to my positive attitude and can do it personality! I have had my struggles in life such as going through a major stomach surgery in 2013 that was necessary to save my life. Then in May 2020 I was rushed to the hospital with a stomach abscessed and sepsis. I was in the hospital for a total of six days where a drain was placed to drain the abscess. It was extremely hard at that time for my family and I to keep our spirits up however with the grace of God everything came out okay!

I also love to be an advocate about service dogs. Back in 2019 I was matched with a helper from Canine Companions for Independence. I was matched with a service dog named Axel the IV, a four-year-old yellow Labrador, who has been professionally trained in over 40 commands. Axel has been assisting me by picking up dropped items, turning on and off lights, opening and closing doors and drawers and other tasks that has enabled me to live a more independent life. I graduated with my Service Dog Axel after completing an intense, residential, two-week Team Training course back in 2019. I did this with my family at Canine Companions' Southwest Regional Center in Oceanside, CA. During Team Training, students are strategically matched with assistance dogs and learn how to work with them safely and effectively. Though costs to breed, raise, train an assistance dog and provide ongoing support to the team are estimated at \$50,000, Canine Companions assistance dogs are provided free of charge to recipients. Axel and I are hoping after the pandemic to be out in the community of Bakersfield educating the public about service dogs and the impact they bring into people's lives.

Today I am really leaning on my faith in God to get me through the obstacles of not being able to sing currently due to underlining health issues with my lungs. However, there is nothing that can bring me down and I have made a promise to my fans of my music that I will be back on the stage singing as soon as possible!

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