

# Fundraiser Saturday for Corning-area 'comfort home'

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The family of a man who died in 2016 is working to create an alternative to nursing homes for terminal patients. Jeff Murray / Staff video



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A Corning family working to create a new "comfort care home" will hold a fundraising event this weekend.

The second Bampa's House 5K run/walk will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at Craig Park Pavilion in Painted Post.

Bampa's House is named in memory of Jim Dugan, a Painted Post resident who died of cancer in 2016 at the age of 68.

Dugan spent his final weeks in a nursing home, even though his family felt an institutional environment wasn't his best option.

Staying at home wasn't a viable choice, either; thus, his family came up with the idea of an alternative between home care and a nursing home.

The name Bampa's House is inspired by a nickname bestowed on Dugan by his grandchildren. The home will be open to two patients at a time and will also offer amenities for their families.

Volunteers will provide round-the-clock supervision, and CareFirst (formerly Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care) will bring in professional hospice services such as nursing care and counseling.



Jim Dugan (Photo: FILE PHOTO)

In addition to paying an entry fee, participants in Saturday's event are also encouraged to collect pledges to help raise money for Bampa's House.

Dugan's family is still in the process of finding a suitable location in the Corning area to build the home.

"The response has been overwhelming. One classmate answered my challenge by his own and is encouraging classmates to donate \$62 for the class of '62," said Dugan's sister Pat Dugan. "That started the ball rolling, and right now, the Corning Free Academy Class of 1962 has pledged \$3,262 for me and several classmates in the area to walk."

The entry fee for Saturday's event is \$25 for the 5-kilometer run/walk, and \$10 for the kid's fun run, which starts at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds will support Bampa's House.

For more information, go to [bampashouse.org](http://bampashouse.org).