

# ABOUT BAMPA'S HOUSE

## Our Story

Bampa's House was first conceived after Jim Dugan's family struggled with finding an appropriate place for him to spend his final days. After he passed away, Jim's family decided that if there was any way to help others in this situation, even if it was just one or two families at a time, they would like to do so in Jim's honor.

Known affectionately as "Bampa" to his three grandsons, Jim was a big part of the Corning-Painted Post community, spending his career at Corning Community College, volunteering through the Lion's Club, and hosting beer tastings.

## Mission

Bampa's House will provide a safe and comfortable home for persons at end-of-life to receive comfort care from loving caretakers around the clock, treating the residents with dignity and respect, and providing peace for the residents and their loved ones.

## Vision

People nearing end of life for whom home care is not an option will have a safe, dignified, peaceful, and comfortable home staffed with volunteers to care for them and their loved ones through end of life. Bampa's House will be an integral part of the communities which it serves and will sustain through charitable donations and grants in order to provide care free of charge.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is comfort care?

The goal of comfort care is to prevent and/or alleviate suffering during the dying process. Comfort care does nothing to hasten or prolong a person's natural dying process. It is similar to palliative care in that its goal is to minimize pain and suffering. However, palliative care can be received at any time, whether a person's illness is terminal or not. Comfort care focuses solely on end-of-life care.

## Why choose a comfort care home over a nursing home, hospital, or home care?

Most people would rather spend their final days in their own home than in a nursing home or hospital. However, caregiving for terminally ill individuals can be overwhelming to their family and friends. A comfort care home provides an alternative to traditional nursing homes or hospitals, providing care in a home-like setting and giving the resident's family and friends a break from the strain of providing care.

## Why does the tri-county area need a comfort care home?

There are few options for people needing end-of-life care in the tri-county area. Bampa's House provides an alternate to Steuben, Chemung, and Schuyler county area residents. The next closest comfort care homes are over 45 miles away. Friends and family should not have to drive that far to be there for their loved ones during their final days.

## What services does Bampa's House provide to its residents?

Bampa's House serves as a residence for terminally ill individuals. Care is provided by trained volunteer caregivers and the resident's family and friends. CareFirst, the local hospice

organization, is responsible for the provision of hospice care to residents.

Bampa's House is not a nursing facility, hospital, or treatment center; rather, it is a comfortable, home-like environment. Its focus is on comfort care. The staff and volunteers at Bampa's House will not administer IV fluid for hydration, tube feedings, or CPR. They will, however, do their best to alleviate pain and make the resident as comfortable as possible.

## How much do residents pay to stay at Bampa's House?

Nothing. Neither residents nor their families are charged for use of the home. Bampa's House is supported through monetary and in-kind donations, grants, and fundraising efforts.

## Who is able to stay at Bampa's House?

Bampa's House is a home for terminally ill individuals who are near death. Admission to Bampa's House is based on the demonstrated need of the applicant, and preference is given to terminally ill individuals who cannot receive adequate care at home.

Bampa's House can accommodate up to two residents at a time. Each resident has their own private room and bathroom. There are also shared spaces including a fully stocked kitchen, dining area, and family room that the residents can enjoy with their family and friends. There is even room for family members to stay with their loved ones if desired.

## Does Bampa's House serve only people with cancer/only adults?

No. Bampa's House serves terminally ill individuals regardless of diagnosis or age.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## HISTORY

- Dec 2016 – Established 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- 2017 – Researched locations, began fundraising and building awareness in the community.
- Oct 2018 – Purchased home and began renovations.
- Mar 2020 – Hired Executive Director.
- May 2020 – Completed renovations.
- Sep 2020 – Opened for first resident.

## FUTURE

- Expand our volunteer network.
- Grow our fundraising events.
- Strengthen awareness of Bampa's House as a resource in Steuben, Chemung, and Schuyler counties.
- Remain an active part in our local community.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

### Donate

Bampa's House is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Donations to Bampa's House are tax deductible and can easily be made on our website or by mailing a check payable to:

Bampa's House  
PO Box 965  
Corning, NY 14830

All donations in any amount are truly appreciated.

### Sponsor Bampa's House

Bampa's Club is a membership program that allows our community merchants, professional organizations, clubs, churches, social organizations, or individuals to participate in the drive to establish Bampa's House and support its ongoing operating costs. Contact us for more information about Bampa's Club.

### Volunteer

You can help make Bampa's House be the kind of home you'd like your loved ones to experience if the time comes.

Volunteers were the backbone to getting Bampa's House started, and volunteers will continue to be the backbone to keep Bampa's House running. There are many opportunities to use your unique skillset to keep Bampa's House going – caregiving, housework, landscaping, and fundraising, just to name a few. Contact us if you'd like to learn more.

### Contact Us

For more information, contact us at:  
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