

# Give healing a *home*

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A vision for creating a family house at Aspirus to help patients and families dealing with serious illness or medical crisis.







# VISION

Create a safe, healing, home away from home for patients who are receiving critical medical care and families dealing with serious illness or a medical crisis of their loved ones.

- To help a patient you have to help the whole family – we know that families are vital to healing and health.



## The Family House at Aspirus

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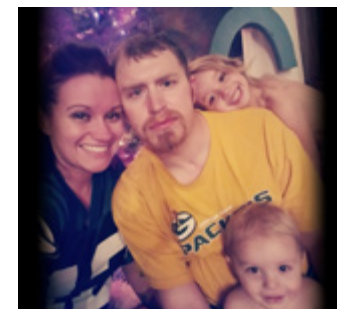
- A home away from home to help patients heal who must travel in order to access life-saving care at Aspirus.
- A home where patients and families will be surrounded by the support of others going through similar health challenges.
- A special place where volunteers and members of the community surround patients and families with the comforts of home, lend an ear, and offer a shoulder to lean on.

### Will serve as

- A place of refuge for families who are going through one of the hardest experiences of their lives.
- A home with a heart where patients and families receive support, care, and compassion in their journey.
- A safe haven where our community, volunteers, and dedicated family housing team come together to impact the lives of patients and families in meaningful and lasting ways.

### Will offer

- Peace of mind for patients and families to know that they will not have to sleep in their cars, or in stressful waiting rooms, or on cots in hospital rooms in order to access high-quality medical care at Aspirus.
- A place to rest, made possible through the generosity of community members to help keep families together when life is tearing them apart.
- Help for patients and families to reduce the financial burdens of traveling for advanced medical care, allowing them to focus on healing and health.







*“To take the burden of travel or lodging off one’s shoulders during treatment is a blessing I cannot describe.”*

*– Cancer patient at Aspirus*



# NEED

Together with our community, we are creating a family house to meet the need of patients and families who must travel in order to access advanced medical care at Aspirus in Wausau.

- The love of family is one of the greatest joys of life! We all want only the best for our families. But life doesn't always work out that way.
- Many families are challenged with the devastation of a serious illness, which is one of the most difficult situations a family can face.
- Some families must travel significant distance in order to access the health care needed for themselves or their loved ones, and they need our help.
- Supporting patients and families with lodging and a caring community can make these challenges a little less daunting.
- Meeting this need drives Aspirus, in partnership with our communities, to work tirelessly toward our mission of healing people, promoting health, and strengthening communities.







# PLAN

**A 9,606 square-foot family house on the Aspirus medical campus in Wausau.**

Will provide a home-like environment conducive to healing and support from others going through similar health experiences.

## **A family house will:**

- Provide ten bedrooms with private bathrooms
  - Suites for patients whose illness requires daily treatment for multiple weeks or months, where travel to and from home will limit the potential for healing and recovery.
  - Guest rooms for family members whose loved ones are hospitalized.
  - Guest rooms for patients traveling a significant distance for outpatient medical appointments early or late in the day.
- Offer shared living spaces where patients and families will benefit from the comforts of home and will allow them to:
  - Prepare their favorite meals and comfort food in the kitchen.
  - Enjoy meals prepared and served by volunteers or a local community group in the dining room.
  - Watch movies or read books near the fireplace in the family room.
  - Play cards or put a puzzle together with other guests staying at the house to pass time in the family room.
  - Meet new friends in the laundry room, where the simple act of doing household tasks gives patients and families a sense of normalcy.
  - Place a pushpin into the map on the wall to represent their home community.



This is a preliminary conceptual drawing.



# SUCCESS

The creation of a family house at Aspirus will become a reality through a \$4.2 million investment by Aspirus, the medical community, community partners and donors.

- Aspirus has committed support of \$2.56 million for this important project.
- Gifts from our community totaling \$1.65 million will help create this home away from home to serve the most vulnerable people who travel to Wausau to receive life-saving medical care and families dealing with serious illness or a medical crisis of their loved ones.
- Together, we will make a lasting and meaningful impact on patients' and families' lives!
- Opportunities for recognition of your gift are available.

Your gift and generosity will help  
*give healing a home.*



Alone, we can't change the world,

*but together* we can move it a little.

Good things happen when you bring together people

who deeply *care about other people.*

– The Karma Group

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