

Jimbo Steven's Success Story, An ode to Margaret Seben's great work at SAIL:

Jimbo's journey with SAIL began in May of 2016. Jimbo was in a skilled nursing facility and his family wanted him home. By August, Jimbo was set up with a care coordinator and it seemed as though the ball was rolling to get him home. Follow up started close to the beginning of the New Year and Henry had shared that there had not been anything accomplished to get his dad home. Margaret jumped back in to the equation to find out what had gone wrong and how SAIL could help to get Henry back to Haines. First, a new care coordinator had been assigned to pick up where the first left off. Margaret then resent the NFT application and it was pulled because the nursing assessment had not been completed.

Margaret helped the new care coordinator realize the priority of this individual and an assessment to get into Haines Assisted Living was completed ASAP. Margaret then scheduled meetings with social workers and family to complete the third Nursing Facility Transition Grant. After many meetings and phone calls with stacks of paperwork complete, we received word that the transition would happen. It was now only a matter of when. Henry came into the office before his father arrived in Haines to say thank you for everything and sign more papers. He said that Jimbo, his dad whom experiences a severe speech impediment was trying to communicate for the first time since his move to the skilled nursing facility. He said that he told his dad that he was coming home and there was almost an immediate change in level of happiness. Jimbo was ready to come home.

Once there was approval of the NFT, purchases were coordinated. Henry went to the local furniture store to pick out items that he felt his father would like in his new "apartment." The furniture was moved in, and approval of transition was granted. Now everyone waited impatiently for Jimbo's arrival and the approval of the move to HAL. We couldn't help but wonder, would it really happen this time around? It had been 1 year and 5 months since Margaret and SAIL's involvement and the push to make this happen. The excitement was almost unbearable. Jimbo made it home to Haines on September 28, 2017. Jimbo is much happier and the staff at HAL and his son Henry are witnesses to this effect and the positive impact it has had on his life.



"My dad was in a medical facility in Petersburg for 2 years after having a stroke. I traveled to see him when I could, but he had no other family or friends around. Thanks to the FTF and a lot of coordination with SAIL, my dad is home now and he's got so much more life to him. He's still not talking, but he's eating now! He hardly got out of bed and he refused to eat before, but now he's gained weight and is doing really good. Being around family and friends has helped so much".

-Henry Stevens

"We've seen a huge change in Jimbo since he's come home to Haines. We know he's thriving because he is so much more relaxed and his sense of humor has really started to shine".

Stephanie Pattison, Haines Assisted Living Manager