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Wind Phone Initiative

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As COMMUNITY LEADERS, together we improve the health and well-being for everyone in Dufferin & Caledon.

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Initiatives

To increase awareness and understanding of grief and the services available in our community

1. Butterfly Project
2. Condolence cards
3. Wind phones

Wind Phones

It's a simple concept, yet so profound; placing a rotary phone that is not connected to any earthly system in a peaceful place where anyone who wants to talk to someone can do so. It’s a place where grievers can say I love you – I miss you – and feel connected to someone they love who has passed.

https://www.cbsnews.com/video/telephones-of-the-wind-making-calls-to-lost-loved-ones/

Wind Phone Goals

To install 4 to 6 rotary phones throughout Dufferin Caledon for people to access in an accessible, peaceful place. Confirmed locations to date:

- Bethell Hospice
- Headwaters Hospital Friendship Garden
- Hereward Farms
- Shelburne Cemetery

This is a Wind Phone

The wind phone is a place for people to communicate with loved ones who have passed away.

The wind phone has become a symbol of hope and healing for many people. It provides a space for grief and healing where they can find comfort in knowing that their loved ones are still with them in spirit.

HISTORY

The wind phone was created by a man named Itaru Sasaki, who was struggling with grief, so he created a place where he could "talk" to his loved ones and express his emotions.

PLEASE RESPECT THIS SPACE.

Find additional grief and bereavement resources in Dufferin/Caledon, visit: hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca/grief

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Current State:

- Have the phones and wood
- Have the plaques and posters
- Volunteers willing to make the wind phone box and install (can be negotiated)
- Launch date of May 7, 2024, to coincide with National Hospice Palliative Care Week

Our Ask:

- Secure a location in the Town of Orangeville (Kaycee Gardens, Mill Street Park, Greenwood Cemetery)
- Maintain the location and inform us if repairs are required
- Insurance (if required)

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Thank you!

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