

# You Are Invited

## to the Spring Memorial Event



HOSTED BY BEYOND HOSPICE AT  
THE PILLARS HOSPICE HOME

10 am to Noon | Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

6035 Upper 35th Street  
Oakdale, MN 5



## Come for a Lovely Saturday Morning Open House

Come any time between 10am and 12pm, bring anyone you like.

### *What to expect?*

You can expect friendly people who will be happy to see you. Join us for a casual open house style gathering on the deck of the Pillars Hospice Home. Let us serve you a root beer float and a tasty treat. Join a new friend for a lawn game or sit in the shade and chat with our staff, volunteers, or others like you who have experienced the loss of someone they love. We are interested in how things have been for you.

Children are very welcome. We will have special things to do just for them.

And here is a new thing to try . . .

### *The Wind Phone*

A generous donor has made it possible to expand the garden experience for the Pillars, and that project will be underway this spring and summer. One hope of that garden plan is to install a Wind Phone, it would be the only one in Minnesota. Before that, though, we thought we would prepare a few of these phones at our Memorial Event for you and your loved ones to use. We are interested in your impressions of the experience.

### *What is a Wind Phone?*

Simply put, it is a disconnected phone which mourners can use to call their loved one who has died. The concept began in Japan 15 years ago, and now one can find Wind Phones all over the world. People have reported that the experience of these conversations with loved ones provides comfort and allows them to grieve in ways they find helpful. It fits well with what research has named Continuing Bonds theory.

In this letter you will find research about both the Wind Phones and Continuing Bonds theory, and information on websites where you can learn more. In addition, our team of spiritual counselors and other staff will be on hand at this event to speak with you.

