

"...give back"

Before I die I want to.....

"...kiss on the beach"

Have you ever thought about how you would complete this sentence? At Clarehouse, we believe living and dying well requires intentional thought and conversation. But how do you start such a difficult conversation?



Last year, we began offering a “Before I die...” wall, offering people in our community the opportunity to engage in public discussion about living well and dying well. It’s simply a chalkboard with the words “Before I die I want to _____” stenciled over and over.

People need no explanation – they approach the wall, absorb it, and contribute. In the days the wall has been

traveling around our community, we’ve seen a constant stream of thoughtful writers. People of all ages read, ponder, reflect, and write about their hopes, dreams and aspirations.

The words are serious and silly, inspirational and inane, sad and joyous.

"...have 100 bffs"

"... play football"

"...go to all seven continents"

"...say I truly lived"

"...see a world I would be proud to leave to future generations"

It’s been described as a magnet, drawing people to it to share their thoughts and soak up the thoughts of others. It’s art and conversation at the same time.

The wall is mobile, built to travel around our community giving rise to public discussion. If you would like to host the wall, contact Britni Smith, Clarehouse Education Director at bsmith@clarehouse.org, 918-893-6150.

We believe talking about dying helps us to fully live. Please, spend time considering what matters most and participate in the conversation.



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