



## NEW HAVEN DIARY DISKS

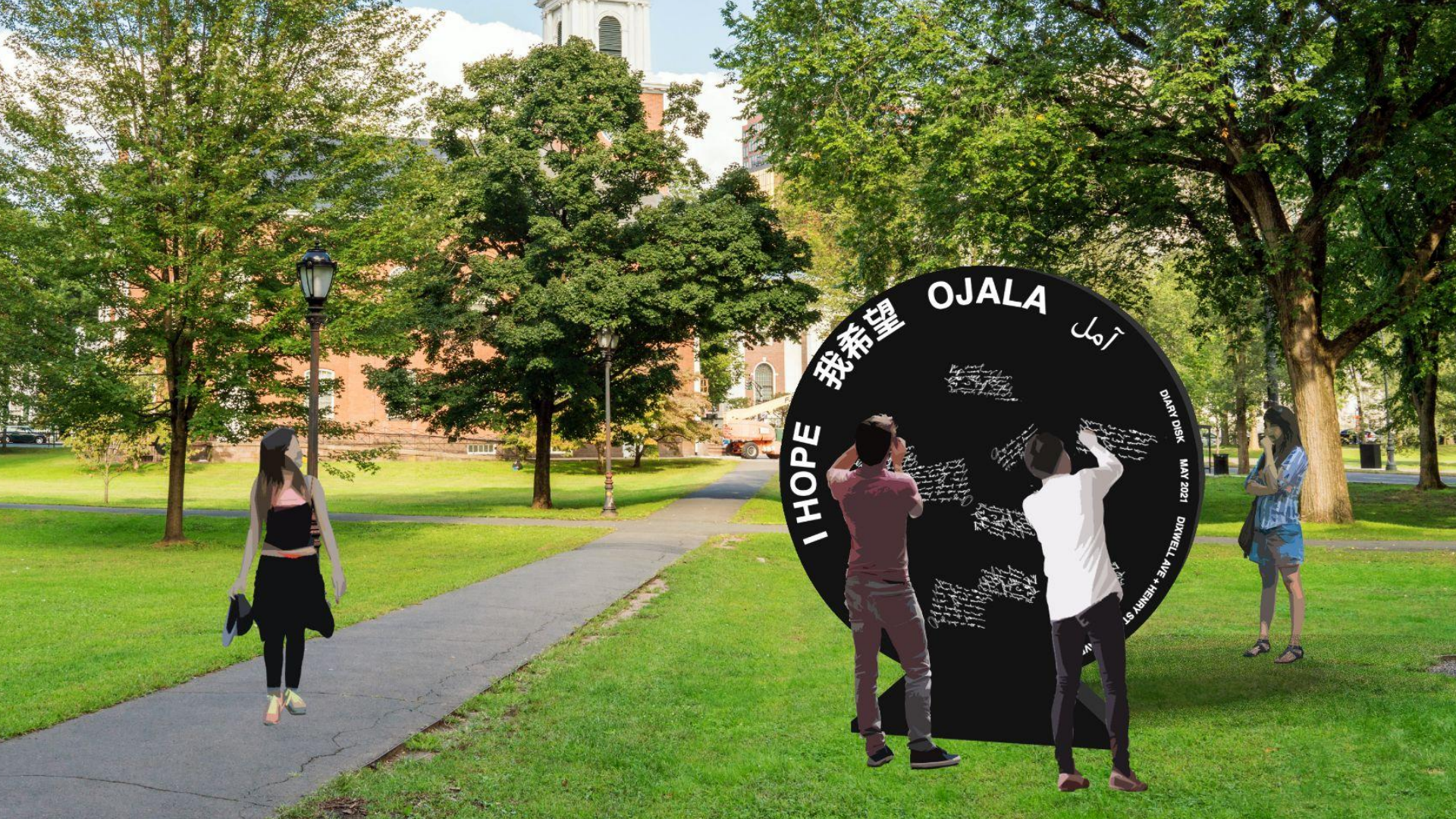
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Shared experiences are at the heart of  
what makes life worth living.

*Frank Schaeffer*



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DIARY DISK  
MAY 2021  
DRYWELL AVE + HENRY ST

## WHAT IS A DIARY DISK?

A Diary Disk is a 6'x6' circular blackboard that offers a blank slate for people to write their experiences, memories, hopes, and stories surrounding the pandemic. Each disk is made up of a writable surface featuring a prompt that encourages people to respond to by drawing or writing on it.

The creation of a Disk will take place at an event for every participating local organization, community group, or project partner. The participating group will choose a prompt for their Disk from a list of prompts. The prompts are intended to promote reflection and well-being.

At the end of each event, the Disk will be documented in photos and archived digitally. In June 2021, all ten disks, marked with the date like diary entries, will be exhibited together as a field of memories in the New Haven Green to be shared and experienced together.





## **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND IDEAS: MEMORY FIELD**

**In June 2021**, all ten community-created disks will be exhibited together across the New Haven Green as a field of memories to be experienced collectively.

People are welcomed to walk around and witness the disks, moving through time and space as if each disk were a diary entry, enveloped in people's memories and stories.

Together, the disks offer a collective moment of reflection and aspiration.



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## WHY CREATE A DIARY DISK?

A sense of belonging to a community is a human necessity. Throughout the pandemic, our lives have unraveled alone and silently in the absence of physical and social experiences. Yet, the mental space, when experienced collectively, becomes a place where feelings, memories, and ultimately, well-being, become amplified.

The Diary Disk provides that place and moment people have been deprived of to share and co-create together as a form of healing, serving as an open platform for New Haven's voices. As people respond in paint with a memory, thought, or feeling on the disk, they will observe their writing enveloped by a collective of shared responses-- along with a newfound sense of belonging and community.



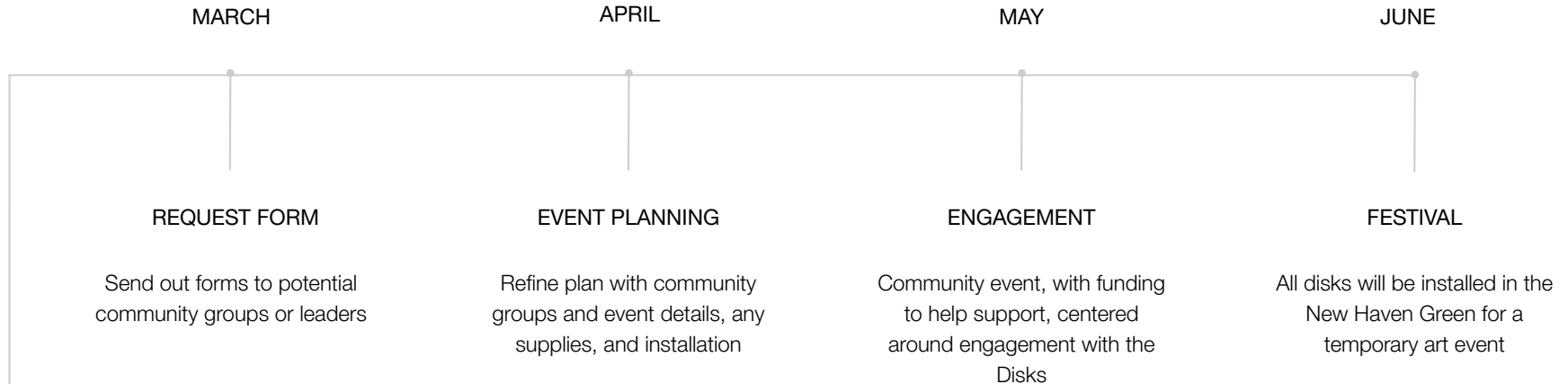
## PROJECT GOALS

a moment for both individual and collective healing, reflection, and aspiration during the pandemic

a community-run event to ensure trust, encourage togetherness, and commemorate the city's strength throughout the pandemic

an insightful archive of collective memory and shared experience to help direct current and future city initiatives.

## COMMUNITY TIMELINE



## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER?



### FILL OUT FORM

On the form, please indicate your community group/contact, choose an indoor/outdoor location for disk creation event, and choose a prompt for the disk.



### PLAN EVENT

We'll help fund and plan an event that you will host for your community/group to engage with the Disk



### HOST EVENT

For the event, we'll provide the Disk, along with necessary materials, requested features and specified prompt from your form.



### LOGISTICS

We'll help with setup, moving, documenting, and storing the disk before and after the event.

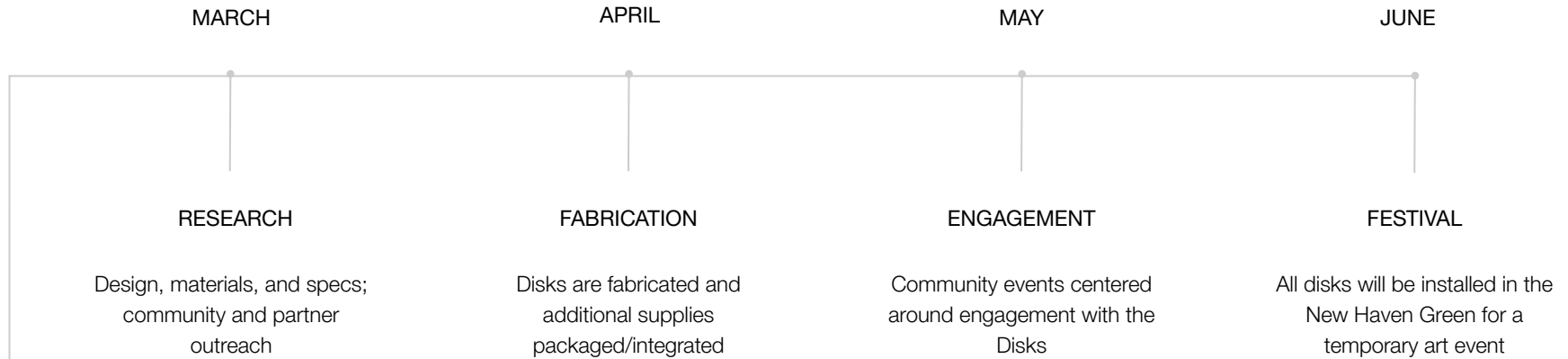
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It's important that we share our experiences with other people. Your story will heal you and your story will heal somebody else.

When you tell your story, you free yourself and give other people permission to acknowledge their own.

*Iyanla Vanzant*

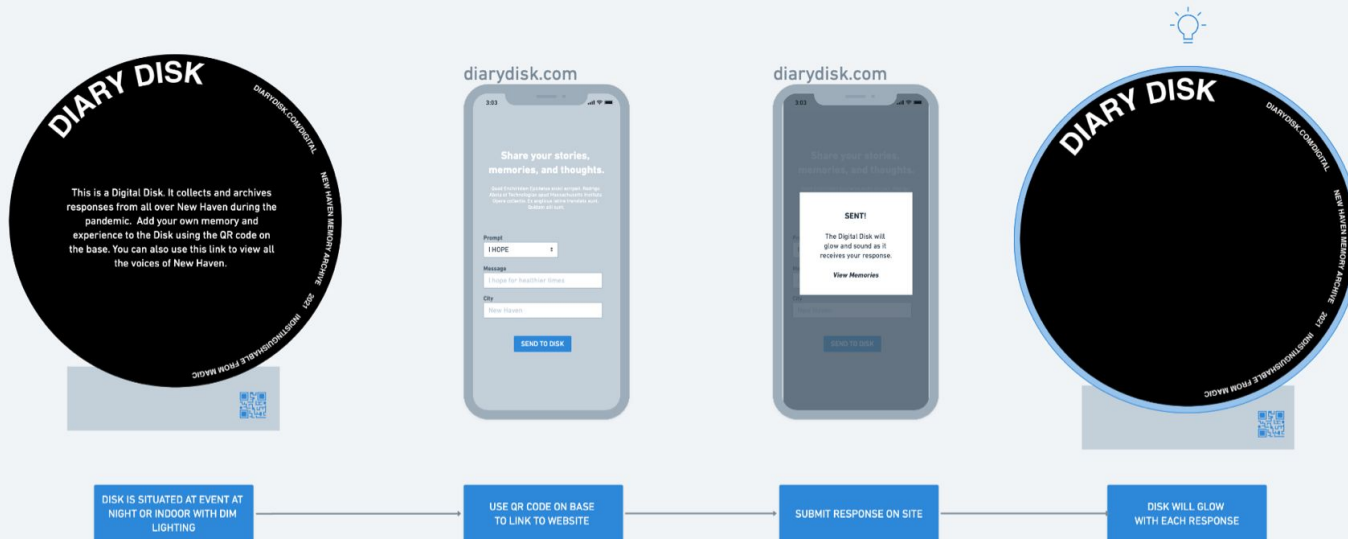
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## DIGITAL DIARY DISK

Not all of us can make it to community events because of the pandemic. The need to share our stories with others extends beyond New Haven. We created an online diary disk that will send messages to a physical disk in New Haven, glowing when it's received. The glow has a sense of presence, signaling to passer-bys that they are not alone during the pandemic.

People can send their memory and experience to the digital disk using the QR code on the base or through our site. All the responses are viewable online.





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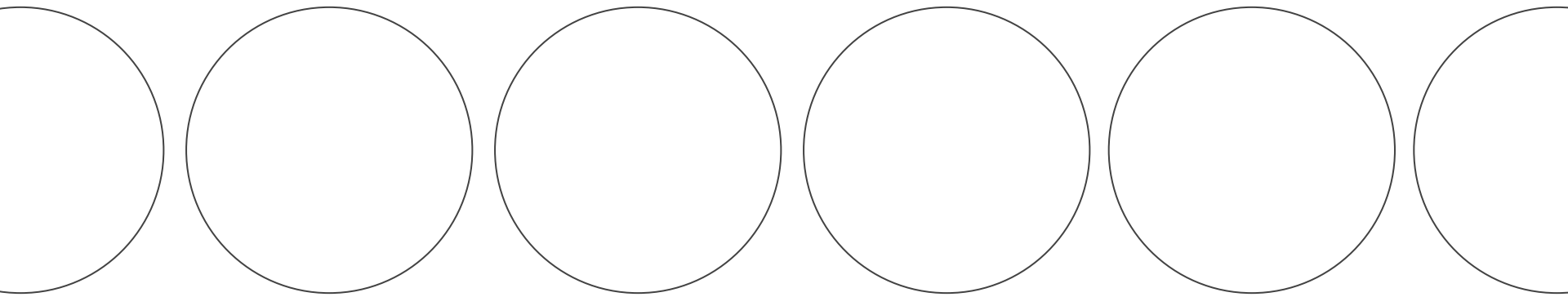
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