THE SECRET PATH

About *The Secret Path*

The Secret Path is an animated film adaptation of Gord Downie's album *Secret Path* and Jeff Lemire's graphic novel. Through music, poetry, and visual storytelling, the film shares the story of Chanie Wenjack, a 12-year-old Anishinaabe boy who died while trying to return home after fleeing Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in 1966.

Disclaimer: Please note that this screening addresses residential schools, intergenerational trauma, and the abuse of Indigenous children in Canada. These topics may be difficult for some audience members. We encourage you to honour your own needs as you watch and reflect on the film.

About the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF)

Inspired by Chanie's story and Gord's call to build a better Canada, the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF) aims to build cultural understanding and create a path toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Our goal is to improve the lives of Indigenous people by building awareness, education, and connections between all peoples in Canada.

Learn more about our programs, campaigns, and events at **downiewenjack.ca**

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10TH ANNIVERSARY

October 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the release of Gord Downie's *Secret Path* project, which includes a graphic novel, album, and animated film.

For the past decade, *Secret Path* has helped audiences in Canada and beyond learn about the story of Chanie Wenjack and the ongoing impacts of residential schools. Through music, art, and storytelling, it has encouraged people to listen, learn, reflect, and take action toward reconciliation.

Ten years ago, Secret Path began our journey. Today, DWF invites you to continue with us on the path toward reconciliation. **Do Something.**

Sensitivity Disclaimer

Topics and materials used to educate people about residential schools can include highly-sensitive subject matter. If you are affected, please seek support.

Support is Available

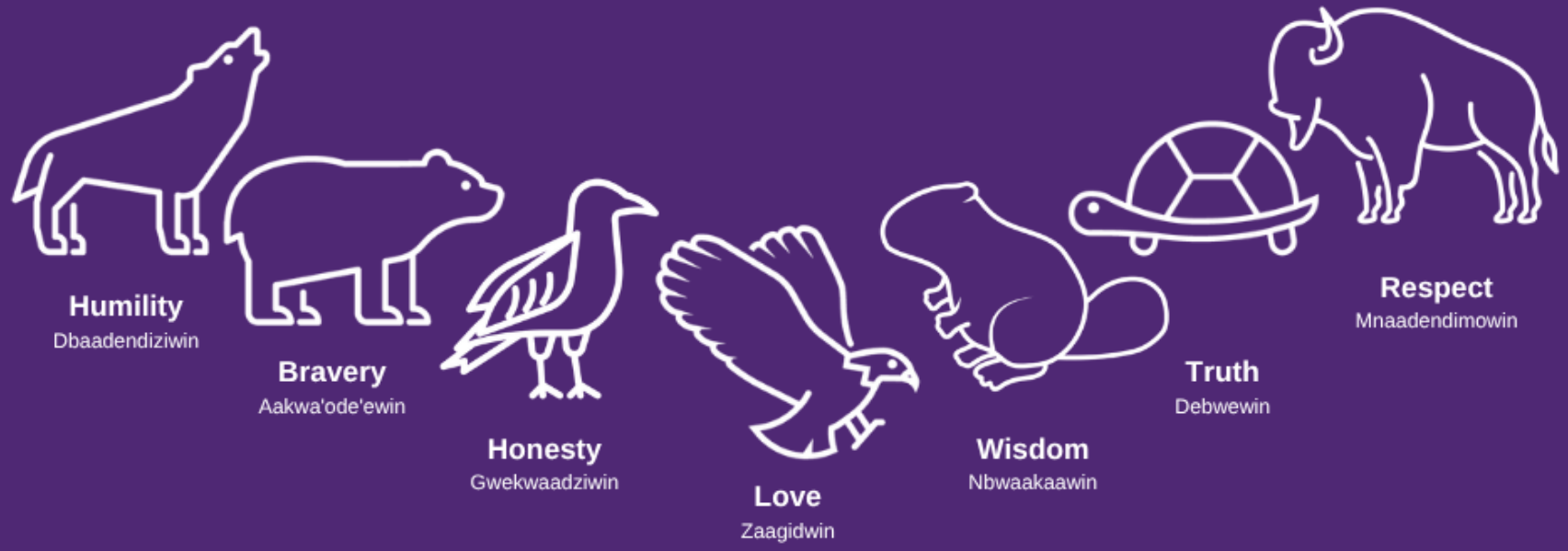
Hope for Wellness Helpline
1-855-242-3310
Chat online at hopeforwellness.ca

Crisis Services Canada
1-833-456-4566
Text 45645 (4PM – 12AM ET)

More resources are listed at DownieWenjack.ca

The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Anishinabek Nation



The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund celebrates the diverse Indigenous identities and perspectives of Turtle Island. The Seven Grandfather Teachings are a guide for how we should treat ourselves, each other, and all things.

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