

AN APPEAL TO SUPPORT AWARENESS OF ITALY'S WWI HISTORY

This is an opportunity to offer respect to the hundreds of thousands of Italian soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War by publicly naming them.

The Canadian project The World Remembers is looking for donors to help bring these men out from the shadows of history by displaying their names in public for the first time.

The World Remembers must raise funds to make this happen.

History is personal and everyone is important. The loss of so many young Italians in WWI is rarely remembered, having been overshadowed by the history of the trenches of the western front. The dramatic events of the war in Italy affected hundreds of thousands of Italian families.

The award winning Canadian actor R H Thomson has spent ten years building The World Remembers that now has an ongoing display at the Canadian War Museum. \$15,000 is needed to research, access and build perhaps 520,000 Italian names into the exhibit.

Unlike the UK, Canada, Australia and other nations, the Italian government never created a modern, queryable WWI database. Our goal is to do that by working with a private group in Italy. Together with The World Remembers we will bring these young men back into the public eye.

We are a non-profit organization that seeks to name each of the millions killed in WWI. In partnership with the Canadian War Museum, each fall we present a 1914-1918 display of the names in the museum's main lobby as well as maintaining a year round interactive kiosk allowing visitors looking for a lost relative by searching our database of almost four million names from twenty participating nations.

We need your support.

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The World Remembers is about more than war, loss, victory or defeat; it has been and is about our common humanity and what we all need to learn from our collective world history.... this annual event makes history human and real, and reminds each and every one of us of the debt we owe others, the cost of freedom and the benefit of peace.

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