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To our supporters,

What a whirlwind! Following months and months of discussion, late nights and hard work we put together what became known as The Cairns at Desert Color. We would like to thank each and every one of you for taking your time to give us feedback, offer advice and hear us out on why we thought that The Cairns was a winning and refreshing idea to the world of senior living. As a team we also would like to send a very special thank you to our faculty advisor Peter Hilger for all his help in guiding us. We also would like to send a very special thank you to those companies that allowed all of our team members the opportunity to attend the international builders show including; Big D Construction, Doran, PulteGroup and Ryan Companies.

After countless hours of practicing our presentation we feel confident that we killed it! As a team we delivered an affordable, marketable and creative solution to the RFP given. Our community encompassed everything that a senior community should be; supportive, inclusive and a community that extends beyond their current needs. Unfortunately, we did not take home an award. Regardless, thanks to all of our supporters we were able to learn a lot from this project and our time at IBS. We learned the difficulty and complexity of teamwork beyond just a normal school project. Everyone was passionate beyond what you would find in a classroom resulting in at times lengthy, heated discussions. We learned the value of relying on someone's expertise without question, like captain Kendra O'Brien not being in the construction world, but being essentially a representative of our target demographic. She deserved her Outstanding Student Award.

This simple, what we thought would be little, project became much, much more. As a team we can all reflect back on this project with both frustration and happiness.

Thank you all,

The University of Minnesota Students

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