



## MERCHANDISE MART PROPERTIES, INC.

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Scott J. Kurinsky  
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Dear Mr. Kurinsky:

We would like to personally thank you and Bear Construction for your participation in the Dream Home project. This project was one of the most challenging projects that the Merchandise Mart has undertaken with respect to nine designers, three construction firms, and one tight unmovable deadline. The entire Bear Construction team was a pleasure to work with throughout, handling every issue with professionalism and sound judgment.

The Dream Home was another example of how Bear Construction provides excellent project management, supervision, quality construction, and timely delivery of construction projects to the Merchandise Mart. The dedication of your team was evident from day one, when we met with the entire De Giulio team and unraveled the drawings. Now that the Dream Home is complete, Lloyd and I can say that we were unsure if it was possible to build that kitchen in 14 days. But rest assured, Bear Construction was able to complete the kitchen in 12 days. Both Tom Lane and yourself provided the leadership and dedication to this project to ensure it was completed before the grand opening with the highest level of quality.

The inaugural Dream Home has been a greater success than ever imagined. We have experienced far more publicity and traffic than originally expected. The Merchandise Mart has even extended the exhibit an additional three weeks to remain open for the large January Gift show due to the overwhelming success of the exhibit.

Thank you for your participation and hard work on the Dream Home. A major portion of the overall success of the Dream Home is due to the excellence and professionalism of Bear Construction.

Thank you,

Lloyd E. Davidson  
Vice President of Construction Services

Ryan E. Grommes  
Project Director

CC: Chris Kennedy, President  
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