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Rachael Holly
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Dear Rachael,

Words can barely express the gratitude that Sundance Institute feels for your and your staff at Diamond Beach Village. July 2011 marked our second long-term stay on Manda Island and our experience rivaled our first visit. We are grateful that you were able to accommodate 17 artists with lodging and nearly 25 of us for daily meals. Your customer service from our arrival through our departure was top notch.

Thank you for the many meals prepared by your talented chef and his team. Each meal was thoughtfully and beautifully prepared. Diamond Beach Village is the only place in the world where I can get a prawn burger as delicious as yours'. Likewise, your pizzas are remarkable and we shared many a conversation over drinks at Blue Moon Bar. Thank you for being so attentive to our needs and random requests.

The cleanliness and concern for each accommodation was much appreciated. Your staff conducts themselves with the utmost professionalism. We thank you for your attention to environmentally-friendly options. We know that our founder and President, Robert Redford, shares your passion for these critically important practices. Your focus on these practices should be an example for many others.

Diamond Beach Village is a place where Sundance Institute can carry out its values fully. You helped us to create a space where artists can "unplug" from their daily, urban lives and "plug in" to a head space where their art can deepen. We hope that we have enriched your lives as much as you and your staff have enriched ours'. We wish you the very best as you enter a busy season and look forward to hearing the news about your new baby!

Sincerely,



Christopher Hibma
Associate Director
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