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the PEOPLE, PLACES
 and THINGS
 that make
 Saint Paul great!

BEST INTERIOR DESIGNER

David Heide Design Studio

David Heide claims that the challenges found in renovating many older homes in Saint Paul "are the most fun parts of the project." The goal, he says, is to leave a completed project looking as though their team hadn't been there at all, with a solution that won't be dated in 10 years. "It's important to pay attention to the original house," says Heide. The studio works on approximately 12 to 15 projects in Saint Paul each year. 301 Fourth Ave. S., Mpls.; 612.337.5060; dhdstudio.com

RUNNER-UP: Traditions Classic Home Furnishings

BEST BUILDER/REMODELER

Castle Building & Remodeling

"I love older houses, and I think that our company is good at working on projects that have a timeless quality," says owner Loren Schirber, who took over the business from his father in 2007, and since has been busy expanding their footprint in the community. "We have designers on staff who are wonderful to work with, and we're able to guarantee all of our work," Schirber says. 362 Snelling Ave. S.; 651.699.4164; castlebri.com

RUNNERS-UP: Custom Renovations & Builders, North Star Remodeling, LLC

BEST LANDSCAPE DESIGNER/ARCHITECT

Bluhm Brothers Landscaping, Inc. Bluhm Brothers Landscaping has been operating their family business in the Saint Paul community since 1996, and the family tradition has always been to leave their clients satisfied with their quality work. In addition to basic lawn care, Bluhm Brothers offers construction of paving or retaining walls, walkways and patios. 451 Front Ave., 651.227.2584; bluhmbrothers.com

RUNNERS-UP: Bachman's, Meg Stevenson and Associates

BEST HOME SERVICE

Bonfe's Plumbing, Heating and Air Service

Whether it's summer and you're trying to stay cool, or the dead of a Minnesota winter and you're simply trying to ease the chill, home temperature regulation is key. Bonfe's offers a four-hour "Quick Heat Response" service guarantee,



A room renovation by David Heide Design Studio

offering clients \$100 if their technicians aren't able to respond within four hours to set up temporary space heaters until the furnace is repaired. Bonfe's services are not limited to the emergency furnace fix, however, as they also can do handy-man jobs around your home, all with a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee. 505 Randolph Ave.; 651.332.6633; bonfe.com

RUNNERS-UP: Boehm Heating & Air Conditioning, Minneapolis St. Paul Plumbing Heating and Air

BEST SENIOR LIVING RESIDENCE

Shaller Family Shalom East Campus Quality care for older adults is the hallmark of the Shaller Family Shalom East Campus, which includes the 48 apartments in the Bentson Family assisted living residence and the Jay & Rose Phillips Center for Memory Care featuring 10 studio apartments well-suited for those with mild to moderate dementia. 740 Kay Ave.; 651.328.2000; shalom.com

RUNNERS-UP: Carondelet Village, The Wellington Senior Living



Kids, Family & Pets

BEST PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE

St. Paul's Childhood Center

Tina Gatzke, executive director, says there are many features that make SPCC, which celebrated 45 years in September, a special place. "Our approaches are family-centered, and our curriculum projections emerge from the interest of our students," she says. "Parents love the warmth and sense of community at our school, but more than anything commit to the investment of sending their children here because of the relationships our faculty build with children and families." SPCC serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. 900 Summit Ave.; 651.224.4749; mysppcc.com

RUNNERS-UP: St. Paul Jewish Community Center, Dodge Nature Preschool

BEST VETERINARY CLINIC

Grand Avenue Veterinary Center Dr. Ann Brownlee and her staff know that pets are valued family members, which is why they offer the best possible care