2015 THIRD PLACE

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CAN I HELP YOU?

Retirement is the time to peruse your passion. In retirement, people have the time and expertise to peruse their own unique interests.

Each year thousands of tourists visit the Empire State Building. With them they bring foreign perspectives and leave with artifacts of New York. Tourists are both producers and consumers of culture.

This is an architectural proposal to facilitate exchange between the retired residents of the Empire State Building and its daily visitors. Retired resident’s skills are catalyzed and exhibited through the creation of interior and exterior interstitial space. Here residents can support one another and also take advantage of the ever changing diverse tourists.
IN THE LOBBY
NEW YORKERS TELL TOURISTS ABOUT THE CITY’S BEST KEPT SECRETS

RESIDENTS RELAX WITH ONE ANOTHER, KEPT ENTERTAINED BY ENTERING TOURISTS
THROUGH THE FRONT STOOP

TOURISTS TAKE HOME AUTHENTIC PRODUCTS MADE BY NEW YORKERS
RESIDENT / RESIDENT EXCHANGE

floor 72
dependent living

floor 42
independent living

floor 12
co-living

interior
resident / tourist exchange
exterior
resident / resident exchange

interior front stoop
original building
added back stoop
IN THE UNIT

RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER TO HELP ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THEIR DIFFERENT EXPERTISE.
ON THE EXTERIOR

Resident's activities are showcased transforming the Empire State building into a social monument of exchange.