

TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND

JOY

Happy Holidays!



We hope this finds you well and wish you all the joy and wonder of the season.

Happy New Year!

*~Bruce, Mary,
Holly & Jossy*

Our highlights from 2016 included plenty of growth experiences through travel, school & work.

Bruce enjoyed another wonderful year helping buyers and sellers with their real estate needs and found time to ride "Miracle the Motorcycle" across Canada for charity. He was thrilled to celebrate his 52nd birthday while touring with the Canadian RE/MAX hockey team which took them to unimaginably beautiful locations in Europe including Slovenia, Austria, Croatia and Italy. He's looking forward to putting his feet up a bit in the warmth of Costa Rica over the holidays.

Mary is still loving her work as a home stager and has expanded her services to include feng shui furniture placement and colour consults for new homeowners. She enjoyed the Motorcycle for Miracles fundraising journey planning and outreach which was the family's focus of the summer and fall. Mary also looks back fondly on family trips to Costa Rica and Minnesota.



Holly is looking forward to her 16th birthday in January. She had an adventurous year including her "Month of Miracles" on the motorcycle with Bruce. She continues to study hard and have fun in high school, with her Grade 10 music commitments (keyboard and flute in 4 different groups) filling the calendar. We are all thankful for the many CCI Music opportunities. Highlights were going to Disney and completing an incredible production of the Wizard of Oz!

Jossy just turned 13! Her braces are off and she is loving Grade 8, time with friends, art, reading and volleyball. Jossy enjoyed her journey on the back of the motorcycle from Wasaga Beach to Newfoundland and flying home alone was a great experience for her. She did some camping with the Johnsons then joined Mary for a trip to Thunder Bay to meet Bruce and Holly, then visited the Schroeders at their cabin.



We are very proud of our daring, thoughtful daughters who, like their parents, enjoy exploring the world and having fun.



Motorcycle for Miracles Ride Across Canada

BY THE NUMBERS

\$160,000: Total amount raised for 2016 Motorcycle for Miracles fundraising journey (\$115,000 for SickKids Hospital and more than \$45,000 raised for local Children's Miracle Network hospitals across Canada)

\$30,100: Amount raised by CMN flag at Canadian RE/MAX Conference's CMN auction in Whistler, BC

\$225,000: Total amount donated to the Alyssa Rae Johnson Fund at SickKids Hospital from 2013 to today

11,000: Total number of kilometres travelled from Wasaga Beach to Newfoundland and across Canada to Victoria, BC including 22 straight days of rain!

31: Number of days in August, the RE/MAX Month of Miracles AND number of Champion Agents generously supporting a section of the route

Countless: Number of smiles, laughs and tears AND number of times the Johnsons felt thankful

Zero: Number of flat tires and repairs needed on "Miracle the Motorcycle," Bruce's 2007 BMW R1200 GS





Fuelling the Success of Motorcycle for Miracles

The largest infusion into this journey's fundraising total came in October when RE/MAX agents gathered in Whistler, BC and held a CMN live auction. The journey flag sold for an astounding \$30,100 donation to CMN from two big-hearted RE/MAX associates. Happy tears were flowing!

Please join the Facebook Page "[Motorcycle for Miracles](#)" to see photos, roadside videos and the momentum that grew as they made their way from coast to coast.

As huge supporters of their local CMN Hospital via the Miracle Home Program this group *gets it*. They either have personal experience or they have toured a children's hospital where they have seen medical

breakthroughs in action. They have been moved by stories about the sheer good that happens in this system of hospitals.

The fact that *none* of these Champion Agents did this for the recognition just makes us want to shower them with appreciation all the more.

On behalf of the kids and their families receiving this loving energy, thanks to all!

To support SickKids Hospital via the Alyssa Rae Johnson fund, please visit: www.motorcycleformiracles.com



We'd like to thank our family, friends and RE/MAX colleagues for every donation, no matter the size. It all adds up but this year it seemed to add up faster thanks to our special "Champion Agents" initiative.

We sold 31 sections before the journey began. These supporters earned the title "Champion Agent" and received a video shoutout, the chance to sign the CMN Flag and the satisfaction of knowing that 100% of their donation went to help kids get back to the business of being kids.

As well, RE/MAX Integra and four "Champion Brokerages" across Canada stepped up with large donations. Holly's idea to have a "Golden Pen" signature raised an additional \$20,000 via four very generous RE/MAX agents in British Columbia.





Glad to be in Touch!

What are your goals for 2017? Looking forward to any major or minor transitions? We would love to help.

If you're thinking of a change of address, it's never too soon to ask Bruce: "What's my home worth in this hot market?" and to consult with Mary about pre-listing recommendations including staging-friendly paint colours.

No matter what, we always welcome and encourage you to share your joys and sorrows as we continue down life's trail together.



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There's No Place Like Home



With the current climate of angst and division, it's natural to want to hunker down and "just take care of your own."

Of course, mini-escapes are healthy and needed but we should remember

we're all in this together and, more than ever, continue to serve each other. It's true there's no place like home but there's nothing like a good adventure to make you appreciate the comforts that only your own home can bring.



We are proud to say we have been part of the **CMN Miracle Home** program since 1997 and for the third year in a row we've doubled our per-transaction donation amount to SickKids Hospital.

We feel incredibly privileged to have



shared many housewarming and **SOLD** moments with remarkable home buyers and sellers this past year. Thank you to all our treasured clients and to our numerous

colleagues across the country who trust us with their client referrals.

In 2017, Bruce will be celebrating 20 YEARS as a REALTOR with RE/MAX of Wasaga Beach AND the two of us will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary!



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