

## **Letter to Prospective Buyers**

My sister and I grew up in this house and have seen it through its many iterations: a home for a growing family, a teenage hang out, a place for young adults to boomerang back when transitioning from Europe or New York. Then, finally, Grandma's house - perhaps the best place in the world for the next generation of growing children.

It is now time to pass the magic along to a new family who will find the location beyond compare. At once surrounded by parks and ravines with an equal ease of proximity to downtown. No one ever drove when we grew up. We walked, biked or took the TTC. It was easier and quicker. Yonge Street is a block away but somehow you never hear traffic.

The house itself has a magic and elegance. The unfinished basement was a bike shop and art studio. The fourth floor attic; a hang out. There was space to be - whether quietly reading a book on the second floor balcony or chatting with friends and neighbours on the front steps.

You will love living here. The rooms are spacious and grand with opulent details. Wood burning fireplaces and claw foot tubs. The design of the home is very clever. Look for places where doors and windows appear in a line. This is to allow breezes to reach inner parts of the house. Also notice the stark contrast between rooms made for entertaining (living room, dining room and the main hall) and the rooms made for service (kitchen and back hall).

The house was originally built for Jane Kerr at the turn of the century, the widow of a prominent Montreal lawyer. Her son, with his own children, lived down the street at 30 Crescent Road. They were among the first families in Rosedale. The elegance and refinement that Jane brought with her to Toronto is unmatched even to this day. Hardwood floors with inlaid marquetry, a butler's pantry, and the servants' back stair.

Our parents were the third owners of this home and you will be the fourth. It is now our time to say goodbye to this much loved family home. We hope that you will love it as much as we have for years to come.

*- Catherine and Alexandra*