

Auto Auctions staff win dream home

Ten co-workers share in grand prize of ninth annual lottery

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The trouble with winning a dream home, says Russell Churchill, is that no one believes you at first. In fact, even he thought someone was pulling his leg when initially contacted.

"I wasn't convinced and my wife Kathie didn't even believe me," said Mr. Churchill, who was telephoned with the good news on November 28 by Mattamy Homes vice-president of marketing Bruce Payne. "It took until Saturday for it to sink in."

Mr. Churchill, who lives in Terra Cotta, is one of 10 employees of Toronto Auto Auctions in Milton to share in the 3,290-square-foot, \$443,449 Mattamy home in the ninth annual Community Foundation of Oakville (CFO) Great Dream Home Family Lottery.

"It's beautiful," said Mr. Churchill. "You could get two families in here."

Most members of the group rolled into town last Friday to see the place for the first time and were impressed with what they saw. That said, they plan to sell the property and divide the proceeds.

"It's a great windfall for these people," said Mr. Churchill, who enjoys the country life. (His closest neighbour is a mile away.) "Some could really use the money."

The home, located on Canonridge Circle at Gooseberry Way in the Upper Glen Abbey West community, has four bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms including a Whirlpool in the master bathroom, a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and three deluxe appliances, a cold cellar, ceramic tiling and hardwood flooring. It also has a custom-designed exterior with stone skirting, a dormer and a wrap-around porch, plus a landscape package.

In addition to Mr. Churchill, the group includes Gerry Bronstein,

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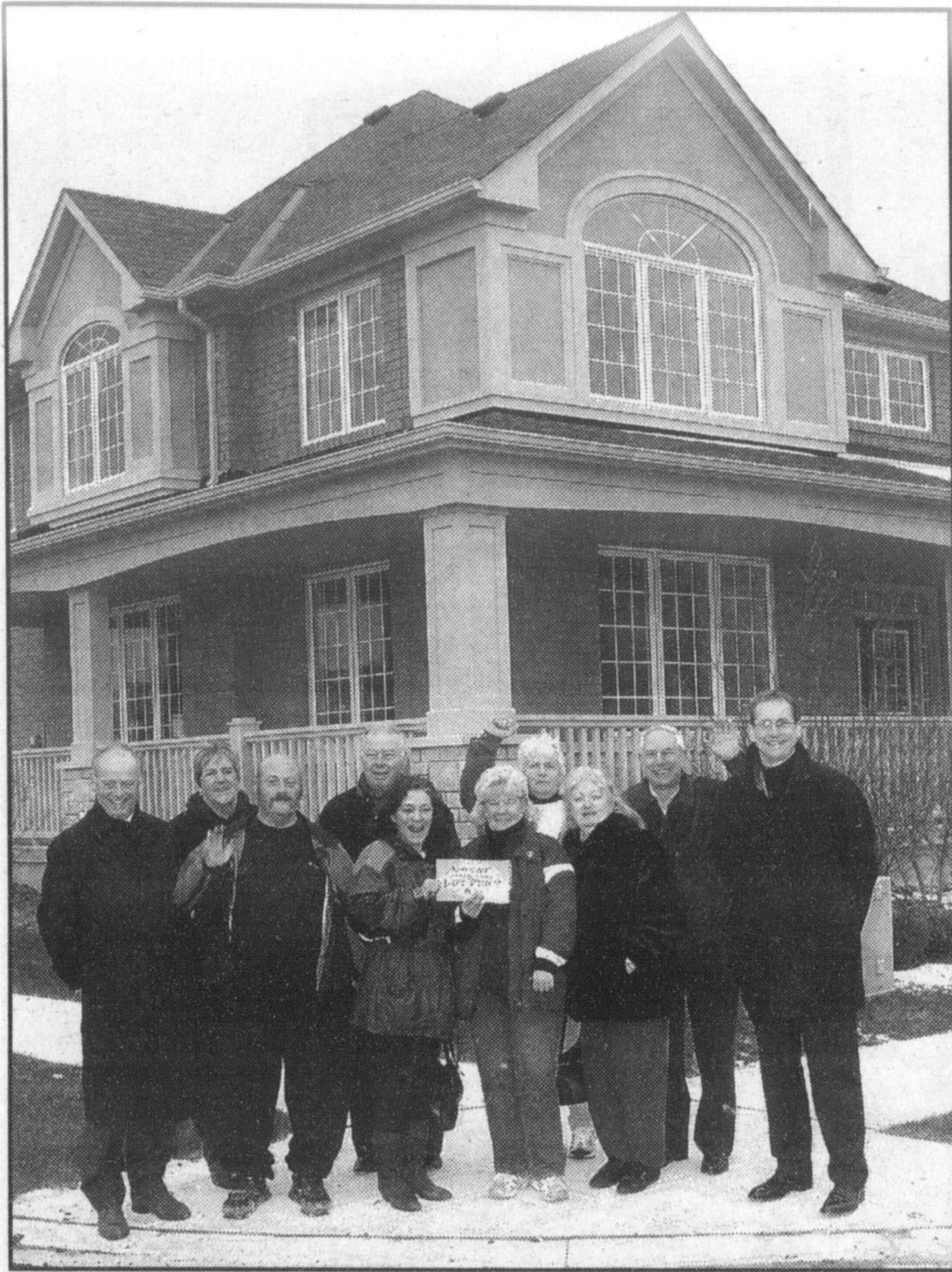


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Royal Bank of Canada's Adrian J. Coote (left) and Mattamy Homes' Bruce Payne (far right) join with the happy Dream Home Lottery winners from Milton-based Toronto Auto Auctions.

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