



siblings played Twister and Candy Land.

The house contains a large kitchen where Thomas, a development associate at the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, and her siblings baked hundreds of batches of chocolate chip cookies.

There is also a large library, a large living room with a grand piano, a back porch for pet rabbits and lots of flights of stairs.

"We had plenty of space to run around. We always had music in the house, a canary singing and, with two flights of stairs, there was plenty of space to get exercise."

Thomas says she hopes to one day buy the house from her parents.

"When you look at the quality of the architecture and just the quality of these structures, these homes are amazing gems," Thomas said. "I think for some of us people who love what it's done for us, they're just too awesome."

**Lots of space, small price**

Jackulene Horn said she moved to a house on Fairfield with her husband and four children in 2004, in part because of the space the homes offered for homeschooling her children -- for a very attractive price.

She moved from an 1,800-square-foot home on Outer Drive to what she describes as "a three-story, 3,000-square-foot, five-bedroom, five-bathroom brick mansion." It also has a two-car garage, two sunrooms and a finished basement.

"It's so nice to have all this space," Horn said. "They all have desks in their rooms and follow their own curriculums. They go their separate ways to get work done and we come together when we need to.

"Our other home was much smaller -- we were always bumping into each other," she added. "This makes it much nicer."

David Marquardt, a Ford Motor engineer and retiree, bought his 1920s English Tudor home in 1971 for \$33,000.

The three-bedroom, four-bathroom, two-story home has a finished basement that he uses as a den and an upstairs bedroom he turned into an office. His children grew up in the neighborhood and attended local schools. His youngest son lives a few streets away with his wife and two children.

"What makes me stay is the community feel of this neighborhood," Marquardt said. "The value of the home brought us here, but the neighborhood and the people keep us here."

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