

# Who Are We and



# Where Are We Going?

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Just when things start to get comfortable, it's time to change lanes. Pandora and I have been rolling nicely along this real estate road over the past six years, enjoying what we do and savoring new friendships created along the way.



We could be tempted to stay right where we are, but for us, it's just not possible... does not compute. True, we are creatures of habit, and creature comforts are alluring, but, it is likewise true that variety is the spice of life. Introducing variety implies change, which can be exhilarating to some, but daunting, formidable and even "scary" to others. It is because I've been conditioned by Pandora's adventurous spirit and resultant expeditions over the hills and dales that I have opened up to change and risk and growth, and find myself liking it—even wanting it.

The two of us started our trek into the real estate world in 2013. Following a teaching career, Pandora pursued the nonprofit sector and worked for 16 years in various capacities with Habitat for Humanity. I also had my start as a teacher, then pastored before running a paint contracting business for 35

years in Minnesota and Colorado. Music was always my preoccupation.

Making the shift into real estate meant committing to changing our lives. It meant long hours of studying together, passing the test together, learning the ropes together and being "all in all the time" together. I learned a couple of things: first, that you can "teach an old dog (me) new tricks," and second, that "together" is key to our success. There is no way I would even think about doing this without "the little engine that could, does, and always will do" (Pandora). We made our way through the fear of the new and unknown to a far better place where we use everything we have and collaborate with our wonderful clients-turned-friends-turned-community. What a life! We are so grateful.

Earlier this year, we were faced with a major decision. Should we make the move to Madison & Co. and leave the familiarity and comforts of RE/MAX, which had worked well for us? Would we lose our mojo? Would we be swallowed up? Well, we made the change, and it really turned out to be a no-brainer, since we work in the same room with our mentor and real estate icon of all icons, Tupper Briggs, and the so-much-more-than amazing Tupper's Team, who (along with all our Evergreen Madison colleagues) inspires us every day. We share more than a room. We share a joy for life, a love for people, a common work ethic, a strong

desire to learn and a quest for excellence. We've bonded quickly. And Madison & Co., from the top down, has consistently knocked it out of the park. Thank you, Todd N... thank you, Justin Knoll! And thank you, Karen Wood, who has moved gracefully with us through the changes! I believe we become whom we hang with, and we're hangin' with the best of the best.

Now, we stand at the crossroads of change once again, only this time, we are more comfortable and confident. PandoraJohnProperties is growing, and the reason for our newfound comfort and confidence is that Jenna McMenamam and Maria Wilson are joining our team. These are two stellar individuals who you must get to know. They exemplify the spirit and essence of who we are, and we believe they will seamlessly integrate into the PJP culture. They are a force and will make us better. Big things await us all. We are pinching ourselves!



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So, here we go. We have embraced the change and have opened up to stretching and growing together. Please let us know how we can help. We are relational, collaborative and fully engaged in our community and in all things real estate. We believe in win-win, happy closings and triple-checking our work. We are all in all the time.

Please give us a call! —John, Pandora, Jenna & Maria

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## Our Team is Growing

**Jenna McMenamam** is fearless and genuine. After a life-altering health scare in 2018, she decided she would start happening to life rather than letting life happen to her, so when the opportunity to work in real estate came up, she seized it without hesitation. She has five reasons to reach: her three treasured kids, her loving husband, and a second chance. What a difference a year can make! Jenna is vibrant, personable and service-oriented. She is a people person and a connector. And she can be counted on to do the right thing.



She believes a house is just a house until the right people are there to pour their memories into it and make it their home. As a resident of the foothills for most of her life, Jenna can't wait to share her knowledge of this Rocky Mountain oasis with her clients! Having lived in Evergreen for over 20 years, she loves the foothills and the foothills love her.



**Maria Wilson** is beyond cool! Her energy is unparalleled, especially if she's playing football, rock climbing, dancing or doing anything with wonderful husband and best friend, Kyle. Her life is full of adventure, good friends, family and lots of laughter. She is fun. She is wise. She is honest. She is industrious. Maria puts her whole heart into everything she does. She has a sense of justice and fairness second to none. She works well with people. Her work in Human Resources, involvement with Leadership Evergreen and volunteer efforts with Boogie At The Barn have prepared her for the good days to come.

This from Maria: "I have lived in Evergreen for four years, and it has been positive from the beginning. This mountain paradise offers a wonderful sense of community spirit and is supportive of its members. I am looking forward to helping others find their dream home in the foothills and sharing with them the beauty that is awaiting them."