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Hello!



We're Orion and Martha



Welcome...



Here's a glimpse into our life.
Come take a look!



The Story of Us

We met at college in 2002 and our friendship quickly blossomed into a romantic one. We've always agreed that supporting each other's growth is the most important thing we can do for each other. Because of this, we have prioritized trying new things, education, and giving each other room to do what we love.

Our marriage in 2011 was truly the most joyful day of our lives surrounded by friends and family. Having been together now for over twenty years, the strength of our relationship is based on open communication, mutual respect, shared values, trust, and lots and lots of laughter. We've had many experiences together including graduating college, spending 6 months in Southeast Asia traveling, and hiking the John Muir Trail. All this in between building our careers and creating a life together. When facing challenges we feel that we are on the same team and are here to support one another.



Sharing Life Together

Most days you can find us going to work, doing yard work, getting out to exercise, or taking the dog for a walk. But in between the necessary day to day tasks, we like to get out and have fun. Having new experiences together has deepened our connection as a couple and helps us appreciate what we have in life.



Hiking in the Olympics



Wedding vows



Zion National Park



Trip to Europe



Sand dunes of Vietnam



Summer backpacking trip



Golden Gate Bridge

Hi! I'm Martha



Hiking with Nora



Yum! Pizza!



Finishing a race

Fun Facts About Me

- I've had the same best friend since I was 2 years old, we met in day care.
- In the 8th grade I hit a hole in one (but golf is not a sport I've pursued since)
- I love eating, cooking, and talking about good food. I'm currently obsessed with all things pasta and pizza.
- My hobbies include running, skiing, yoga, reading/listening to books, and snuggling my pets.
 - I've never had a birthday cake that wasn't chocolate.
 - My favorite color is green



I'm an optimistic, loyal, and introspective person. I love sharing life with those closest to me. An ideal day for me would be spending time doing something active like hiking or taking our dog for a walk, making a good meal, and spending time with the people I love. I am equal parts introvert and extrovert and I love to be around people who make me laugh.

More on Martha

I grew up in Washington State in a loving family that included my mom, dad and sister. I was fortunate to grow up around aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents all who lived close by. At the age of 2, I met my best friend Annie. We are still best friends today despite living in different states. My parents made it a priority to expose my sister and me to a variety of opportunities. I played soccer and volleyball, I performed in plays, played piano, and sang in the choir--all experiences I'm grateful for.

Some of my favorite childhood memories include coming up with dance routines with my best friend and sister. We used to practice all day and then perform the routine for my parents. Another favorite childhood memory is baking pfeffernusse (a German spiced cookie) at Christmas with my grandma. I was very close with my grandma and I keep her memory alive by making pfeffernusse every Christmas.



Martha and her best friend, Annie.



Grandma and Martha as a baby.



Martha and her sister.



I moved away from my home town and attended The Evergreen State College where I met Orion. At Evergreen, I was exposed to new ideas, lifestyles, and a more diverse group of people than I had known growing up. I love learning about new cultures and ways of life and tried to soak up as much as I could during my time at school. This led me to study abroad in Ecuador during my time in school, an experience that left a lasting impression on me.



After college, Orion and I traveled before we settled in Portland, Oregon. During my time in Portland, I realized I wanted to do more meaningful work than jobs I had previously found myself in. I had always been attracted to healthcare and knew that I wanted to do something that had a positive impact in the world and nursing seemed like a good fit. I became a Registered Nurse in 2010 and it is one of the things I am most proud of outside of my marriage to Orion. I feel thankful to have found meaningful work and to be surrounded by people who care deeply for me. Being someone my friends and family can depend on is important to me. I strive to be a positive, supportive, kind, and loyal person in all areas of my life.



Hi! I'm Orion.

I am fun loving, optimistic, and enjoy getting to know other people. Typically I'm busy outdoors enjoying the abundance of opportunities here in Central Oregon. But, I also enjoy quieter moments at home with Martha and our pets, connecting with friends, making a good meal, playing or going to music, and working in our garden and landscaping. Being active and using my body is important to me and thankfully I've been able to blend this in to my career as a physical therapist.



Hiking in the Wallowas



Birthday hike



Dusty mountain biking

Fun Facts About Me

- I was named after the constellation Orion which was prominent in the sky when my parents found out they were pregnant.
- Inspired by my older sister, I started playing violin when I was seven. I wanted to quit but thankfully my parents made me stick with it.
- Although I have red hair I am more German than Irish. (People often think my name is "O'Ryan")
- I have my doctorate in Physical Therapy and treat patients primarily who have had a neurological injury.



- I started a band with my best friend and played music throughout my twenties around the northwest.
- I played soccer in college and continue to play weekly. Soccer has always been a fun way for me to connect to new people when traveling.

More on Orion

I grew up in a quiet town in Washington State, out on the Olympic Peninsula. Family activities with my parents and older sister often revolved around outdoor adventures and enjoying the beauty of nature. I also have many fond memories of cooking in the kitchen with my parents, reading with them, and working in our garden. Both of my parents worked as nurses and played a pivotal role in sparking my interest in healthcare where I have a career as a physical therapist.

My older sister was influential in shaping my interests: fostering a love for various creative and artistic outlets. From playing the violin and participating in theater to dancing and exploring photography, she encouraged a diverse range of passions in my life. These days I love to play music both solo and with friends and am always looking for the best nature photograph.



Playing a gig



Family hike

I am fortunate to have a family that is genuinely loving and supportive. Knowing I can confide in them about anything is a source of comfort. Family gatherings are punctuated with plenty of laughter, cooking and eating delicious food, and often involve the outdoors reflecting and connecting. Family get togethers also allow for plenty of playing with my niece and nephew which is a particular joy, witnessing their growth into lively and adventurous children. Martha and I are beyond excited to start our own family, to start new traditions, and to share some of our loves and passions with our child.



Reading time



The Portland Music Awards



Rafting

Time with Family and Friends



Home, Sweet Home

We're so happy to call Central Oregon home. We bought our home in 2016 and have remodeled it to make it the warm and inviting place that it is. We are centrally located in town with lots of room for playing with our dog in our yard and hosting backyard parties. We are within walking distance to many parks and schools and we're both within a mile of our work. One of the reasons we live where we do is to spend time outdoors. We are fortunate to be close to trails, rivers, lakes, and the mountains. We have an incredibly supportive community including family and many friends.



Our cat, Winnie



Our House



Our living room (top)



Orion and Winnie relaxing in the backyard



Backyard garden



Our dog, Nora (left)





Halloween Fun



Our First Christmas Tree



Nora on 4th of July



Hiking out with the Christmas tree



Christmas with family

Holiday Traditions

For us, Thanksgiving and Christmas are a time of joy, good food, and celebration with friends and family.

Our first Christmas tree together came from the national forest. Each year we spend a day hiking in to the woods to find the perfect tree. Now, all these years later, it's become tradition.

Another tradition we look forward to every year is our annual Fourth of July BBQ. Our home offers a perfect vantage point for the fireworks display in our town. We have sparklers for the kids, lots of food, lawn games, and of course marshmallow roasting.



Christmas at Home



Dreams for our Child

Above all, we hope our child will develop into a kind, empathetic, and resilient individual. It is our dream to create a family full of unconditional love, encouragement, and unwavering support. We believe strongly in providing opportunities for personal growth through education, exposure to new experiences, and the development of meaningful relationships.

For us, this includes maintaining a robust and enduring relationship with our child's birth parents, as we believe this relationship will contribute to a strong sense of identity and empowerment. Helping our child discover and become who they are is what we hope to provide as parents and our child's birth family is irreplaceable in this vision for our life together.

Aspirations for our Open Adoption

It is our hope that the relationship we have with our child's birth parents is one of respect and genuine good will. We want to build a life with our child's birth parents where we put our child first and that is also filled with fun, joy, and comfort. We hope that we develop an ease to our relationship with our child's birth family and that over time our interactions feel safe, familiar, and caring. Ultimately, we hope to share a common goal with our child's birth family: to help our child become a loving, kind, and thoughtful human.

