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Marise is a social entrepreneur and co-founder of the Montreal-based brand Cha's Organics. Healthy diets, avoidance of chemical toxins and environmental protection are core values she was raised with that led her to pursue a degree in Nutritional Science focusing on plant-based diets at the University of British Columbia where she graduated with honours.

In 2004, she travelled to Asia and met her life partner Chanaka while living in Tokyo. On a visit to his native land of Sri Lanka, she fell in love with the culture, traditions and food of this island country and they soon relocated to Canada to bring these foods to North American kitchens with the creation of Cha's Organics in 2006.

As a life-long vegetarian who avoids gluten and dairy and the mother of a child who suffers from severe dietary sensitivities, Marise is mindful of offering other families clean ingredient foods that are always organic, plant-based, gluten and dairy free and that also taste great.

Marise is a past board member of the Canada Organic Trade Association, the Quebec Fair Trade Association Fairtrade Canada. Her happy place is in the garden and she is passionate about the pursuit of knowledge, the free expression of life and the regeneration of our planet's ecosystems and food systems.