



## **Marie Crawford**

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Marie grew up in a small town in Southern Ontario, where she developed a deep affection for the natural world and the outdoors. In school she excelled in the creative arts and graduated with top honours.

Big city life however, beckoned to Marie and she relocated to Toronto in 1992 where she immersed herself in her two passions; a vegetarian lifestyle and the protection of animal rights. As a board member of a major animal rights protection organization she learned about the practices of factory farming and unhealthy food additives. The combination of these two realities propelled her toward her future pursuits.

In 1993 Marie worked as a prep cook in a vegetarian restaurant called Imagine Cafe where she first learned the subtleties of the vegetarian food trade.

She opened up a small juice bar/health food store in Toronto in 1996 called "Juice on Queen". 6 years later it transitioned to a fully fledged restaurant called **Pulp Kitchen**, dishing out a full range of smoothies and fresh juice blends; and served a full sit down & take out vegetarian menu – brunch, lunch and dinner. The restaurant claimed high recognition, grabbing the **Silver Toronto Sun's People's Choice Award** for best vegetarian restaurant, made the top 5 list in **NOW Magazine's** vegetarian guide, Best Burger by **PETA's** Golden Bun Awards, and visits by celebrities such as **Natalie Portman, Sienna Guilloray, Hawksley Workman, Woody Harrelson**, among others, and provided on-set sustenance for the cast and crew of **Resident Evil: Regeneration**.

As Executive Chef at Pulp Kitchen, she trained and worked with every level of staff. She created the entire juice bar menu, and appreciates quick healthy meals with fresh local ingredients. Since the sale of Pulp Kitchen in 2006, she has managed an Organics Store, worked as a Crew Chief at a popular upscale Toronto restaurant, and is currently a personal fitness trainer.

Marie's articulate speech and passion for healthy living garnered much attention, enabling her to be a principle speaker at the **Toronto Vegetarian Food Fair** for three years running. She has made appearances on **Christine Cushing, Daytime Toronto** and **Toronto Living**, in addition to being featured on radio – **CBC, CIUT** and **AM640**. She was also a contributing writer for the local magazine **Riverside Quarterly**.