

# THE McGLONE FAMILY: GIVING BACK

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Photos by Natalie Stephenson Photography

It was a chilly evening at Discovery Park when Alanna, Ryan, Wyatt and Grace McGlone met up with Summit West's photographer, Natalie Stephenson. With cold cheeks, the family explored the park and snuck in a little bike ride.

Ryan and Alanna McGlone were introduced by Alanna's best friend from Kindergarten, Marian. One fateful day 11 years ago, Marian and her boyfriend John were going skiing with John's brother Ryan. None of them had been skiing before, so they invited experienced skier Alanna to join them. A couple of months after their day on the slopes, Ryan and Alanna started dating. They rode the Seattle to Portland bike ride together and that sealed the deal. They were married at the church they both grew up in. John and Marian were married shortly after. Alanna gets to spend family holidays with her long-time friend from kindergarten at family holidays.

Alanna attended Pacific Lutheran University in Seattle and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She works as a Rheumatology Nurse at Summit Medical Group. Ryan attended University of Puget Sound in Tacoma and holds a business degree, along with a certificate in

Sustainable Business from Pinchot University. He is a real estate broker at Cascade Sotheby's International Realty, where he works with his father, Stephen McGlone.

Rounding out the McGlone family are two-and-a-half-year-old Wyatt and one year old Grace. While Wyatt's not riding a bike (yet!), you'll find him chasing after the neighborhood kids on their bikes. Alanna says he's always on the go. Grace loves the family dog, Chaco. And Grace is the family the cuddle-bug, snuggling mom Alanna is her favorite thing to do.

We can't leave out any four-legged family members. Chaco is a nine-year-old Australian Shepherd. Being a working breed, Chaco got a volunteer job with the City of Bend in 2011 when they were using dogs to chase geese off the city parks. He also loves frisbee.

The family is passionate about the outdoors and love camping, hiking, trail running, skiing and biking. Ryan is a member of the Boneyard Cycling Team. Alanna says the team "consists of 65 riders that enjoy cycling, giving back to their community, and of course...beer." In 2013, Ryan started the Bend Bike Swap ([www.thebendbikeswap.com](http://www.thebendbikeswap.com)) with the help of the Boneyard Cycling Team. He



realized that Bend needed a way for people to swap gear. After discussing it with other members of the Boneyard Team they decided to create the swap and put it together in a way that would benefit the community. The first year of the swap yielded \$12,000 in sales and over \$1,000 donated to Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation and Bend Endurance Academy. Just four years later, 2017's Bike Swap raised close to \$10,000 for the community. The Boneyard Cycling Team doesn't take any revenue from the event. It is generously supported by sponsors in the community and allows the team to pay it forward to local nonprofit cycling advocates.

In addition to the Bike Swap, this year Ryan and Alanna started a snow boot drive for local children in need. The school that Alanna attended growing up put on an annual shoe drive for families in need. Ryan and Alanna wanted to bring this idea to Central Oregon. In the first year, they collected 70 pairs of boots from the community to benefit Family Access Network. Alanna says, "We hope that the snow boot drive can continue to grow and provide to more children and families in need."

The McGlones moved to Bend from the Seattle area seven years ago. Alanna says, "Ryan had been visiting Bend to go mountain biking since his college days, and while dating we took several ski trips to Central Oregon. In fact, Ryan's bachelor party was a five-day mountain bike excursion to Bend. Two months after our wedding we started toying with the idea of moving to Bend for the outdoor lifestyle." In the middle of the recession they uprooted their lives and made the move to Bend. When they first arrived in Bend,



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they rented a home downtown close to McMenamins. Once they started looking to purchase a home, they knew that Northwest Crossing was where they wanted to be when they had children. They love the neighborhood. "We came here for the outdoor lifestyle and that is exactly what this neighborhood provides. We can walk to coffee shops and restaurants. During the fall before Discovery Park was built, Ryan would go race across the street at the local Cyclocross races, and now that the park is there he still gets to race across the street during the summer at the TFG Wednesday Night Criterium Series. It is amazing that you can be on single track in just a short distance from the neighborhood," says Alanna. The neighborhood provides lots of opportunities for socializing with neighbors, including summer block parties and movie nights in the neighbor's garage. Several neighbors have joined the Boneyard Cycling Team.

Keep an eye out for the McGlone family on the trails. And when it's time for new gear, check out the Bike Swap!