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**Path to Freedom Presents a Screening of
*Broken Limbs: Apples, Agriculture and the New American Farmer***

On December 28, Path to Freedom – Urban Homestead will host a vegetarian potluck followed by a screening of the documentary *Broken Limbs: Apples, Agriculture and the New American Farmer*.

This event will be held 5-9 PM at 626 Cypress Ave. in Pasadena. Suggested donation is \$10. Space is limited so reservations are necessary. To reserve, please call (626) 844-4586 or register online at www.pathtofreedom.com/form/eventregistration.htm.

About the Film:

Wenatchee, Washington, the "Apple Capital of the World"; this pastoral valley in the heart of the Northwest prospered for nearly a century as home to the famed Washington apple. But the good times have vanished. Apple orchardists by the thousands are going out of business and thousands more await the dreaded letter from the bank, announcing the end of their livelihoods and a uniquely American way of life.

After his own father receives just such a letter, filmmaker Guy Evans sets out on a journey to find out what went wrong here in this natural Garden of Eden. Over the course of filming, Evans witnesses small farmers struggling to compete against the Goliaths that populate today's global economy, only to be ultimately forced off their land. The future looks grim for the Apple Capital until Evans happens upon an entirely new breed of farmer, practitioners of a new model called "sustainable agriculture".

BROKEN LIMBS (Jamie Howell and Guy Evans, 2004, 57 min.), an Emmy nominated documentary, explores these hopeful stirrings within agriculture, and outlines ways in which any individual can play a role in saving America's farmers. Told from a hometown perspective, the film presents the stories of farmers attempting to create this new model for agriculture and emerging, more sustainable solutions to the crises of recent years – solutions applicable not just to apples and not just to farming, but to nearly any sector of the American economy troubled by the effects of consolidation and globalization.

About the Potluck:

For the vegetarian potluck, attendees are encouraged to contribute food produced within a 100-mile radius of their homes (Santa Barbara to San Diego). If that's not possible, then strive to purchase organic foods grown within the closest distance.

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Broken Limbs Screening and Potluck (cont.)

About Path to Freedom:

Sponsoring organization Path to Freedom is a family-operated, viable urban homestead project established by Jules Dervaes in 2001 to promote a simpler and more fulfilling lifestyle and to sow a “homegrown revolution™” against the corporate powers that control the food supply.

Since the mid-1980s, members of the Dervaes family have steadily worked at transforming their ordinary city lot in Pasadena into a thriving organic micro farm that supplies them with food all year round. The family also runs a successful home business providing their surplus produce to local restaurants. Through their adventures in growing and preserving their own food, installing a solar power system, home-brewing biodiesel for fuel, raising backyard farm animals, and learning back-to-basics skills, these modern-day pioneers have revived the old-fashioned spirit of self-reliance and resourcefulness. Since 2001, their website, www.PathtoFreedom.com, has inspired hundreds of thousands to take steps towards a sustainable future and has generated a 21st century urban homestead movement.

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