

A Family in the City. An Urban Homestead. A . . .

Homegrown Revolution

Synopsis:

In the midst of densely urban downtown Pasadena, radical change is taking root.

For over twenty years, the Dervaes family has been transforming their home into an urban homestead. They harvest three tons of organic food annually from their 1/10 acre garden, while incorporating back-to-basics practices, solar energy and biodiesel.

About the Film:

The original version of Homegrown Revolution® was put together for a lecture Jules Dervaes gave at the University of California Los Angeles in October 2007 on the topic of Slow Food. It received a wildly enthusiastic response from the students and, subsequently, attracted an avid following on YouTube, with nearly 150,000 views to date.

Directed and produced by Jules Dervaes, the film was a collaborative, homemade project done by novice filmmakers Jules, Anaïs, Justin and Jordanne Dervaes.

The film was selected for the 2009 Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival, and the Dervaes family members were invited to attend the Festival as special guests.

For more information, see www.HomegrownRevolution.com.

Filmmakers' Biographies:

Jules Dervaes is the founder of Path to Freedom®, a family-operated urban homestead project established 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, Mr. Dervaes and his three adult children, Anaïs, Justin, and Jordanne, have steadily worked to transform their ordinary city lot in Pasadena, California, into a thriving organic garden that supplies them and their "citified" backyard farm animals with food year round. These eco-pioneers also run a successful business selling fresh produce to local restaurants. The income helps fund their purchases of solar panels, energy-efficient appliances, and a biodiesel processor to further decrease the homestead's reliance on Earth's non-renewable resources.

Articles about Path to Freedom and the Dervaes family have appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and FAZ (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*). The family has been featured on ABC's *Nightline* and on CNN.

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