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Jered has been linking communities with local farms since 1990. He initiated and coordinated Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs at the Homeless Garden Project and the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS). Jered also initiated and coordinated a statewide CSA advocacy, outreach, and educational program for the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF).

In 1995, he organized a Western Region CSA conference that brought together over 450 farmers, consumers, educators, and agency representatives. Jered worked with Center for Ecoliteracy in Berkeley for three years (1999-2001) and again for CAFF until 2005 to launch their Farm-to-School programs, Food Policy Councils, and buy local campaigns. Jered is an avid photographer and writer, contributing to publications of the Center for Food Safety, the International Forum on Globalization and the Community Food Security Coalition.

Jered has published interviews and writing in the books *Farms of Tomorrow* (1998) and *Sharing the Harvest* (1999), as well as a report of how Live Power Community Farm permanently protected their land as a sustainable farm. Currently, Jered splits his time between caring for his children, Lucas and Rosa, and this nascent educational farm.