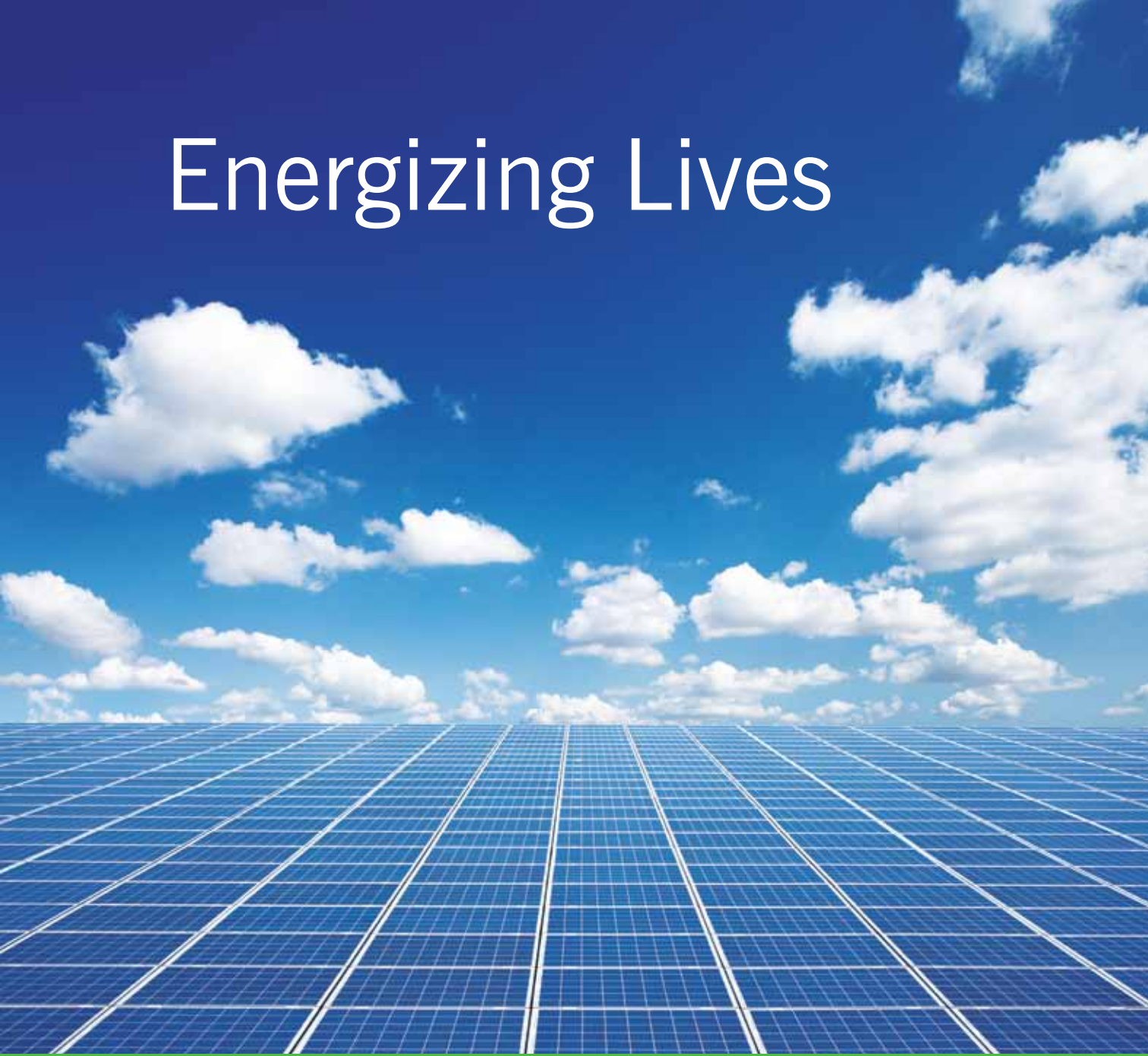


Energizing Lives



Habitat for Humanity and partners shine a light on Japan with the Solar Home Recovery Project

Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity has worked with governments, businesses and community partners to help more than 2.5 million people achieve decent, affordable shelter, including thousands displaced by natural disasters. In Japan, where thousands are still struggling to secure their livelihood following last year's disasters, Habitat has partnered with power tool company Hilti and others to launch the Solar Home Recovery Project, enabling families to harness solar power as a way to rebuild their lives and reduce living costs. Leveraging government policies and subsidies, Habitat will install solar panels on the residences of individual families who are in financial need in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture. Electricity generated will provide power to homes and excess energy will be sold to utility companies. Families will contribute an amount equivalent to the government rebate to cover part of the cost of the solar unit, enabling Habitat to help more families.

The Solar Home Recovery Project demonstrates how solar technology can be used to power disaster recovery efforts, and underscores the commitment of Habitat and Hilti to help families in Japan create a more secure, sustainable future.

Habitat for Humanity is now looking for technical partners to extend the scope of the project. Companies interested in supporting the Solar Home Recovery Project should email info@habitatjp.org

