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## **Donated Solar Electric Systems to Aid Habitat for Humanity Recipients**

**Scottsdale, AZ**, June 18, 2008 - Two families in Glendale, Arizona will begin saving money on their utility bills with solar technology in the coming weeks. Arizona-based American Solar Electric has donated equipment and installation services for two grid-tied solar electric (photovoltaic) systems to Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun.

Installed in early June, the systems are comprised of Kaneka thin-film silicon 60-watt panels which offer high performance under high temperatures. Electricity generated by the solar electric systems will be used to offset utility power, thereby reducing the cost of electricity for the new homeowners. Each system will produce over 2,500 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.

"Our contribution today seems small compared to those that donated significant time and money to build the homes," said Sean Seitz, President of American Solar Electric. "We're proud to help the new homeowners. Undoubtedly they will recognize a significant contribution to their personal finances for years to come from the energy savings they obtain with their new solar electric systems."

"Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun is pleased to partner with American Solar," said Roger Schwierjohn, President and CEO of Habitat. "This partnership allows Habitat to continue the efforts to be an environmentally friendly builder and make our homes more affordable for families. Because of the generosity of American Solar, Habitat is once again able to progress in our efforts to be a responsible home builder."

A dedication will be held on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the completion of the homes. Both families are thrilled to be first time homeowners.

Photos of the installations are available.

**American Solar Electric, Inc.** is an Arizona-based design-build firm specializing in photovoltaic (solar electric) power systems for commercial, industrial, and residential applications. Headquartered in Scottsdale, the company is responsible for the installation of more than 5 megawatts of photovoltaic power in Arizona, statewide. American Solar Electric's approach includes system design, permitting, procurement, installation, interconnection, and commissioning. Additional information on the company's products and services is available on-line at <http://www.americanpv.com>

Serving metropolitan Phoenix since 1987, **Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun** is a grassroots Christian housing organization whose mission is to eliminate substandard housing by building affordable housing and community partnerships that promote spiritual values and individual responsibility. The Valley of the Sun affiliate is one of the most active of the Habitat affiliates and is responsible for the building of more than 433 new homes. Currently the affiliate is active in South Phoenix, Chandler, Mesa, Glendale, Guadalupe, Tempe and Apache Junction.

Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Georgia, is an ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Habitat International dedicated its 200,000th house last summer and has more than one million people living in Habitat homes they helped build and are buying through no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. Visit our website, <http://www.habitataz.org>.

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