

—— **Supporting Great Eastern Japan Earthquake  
Recovery through the Power of Photography** ——

**We are taking portraits of the earthquake's  
survivors to help them look forward  
to the future with a smile on their face.**



# **3.11** **PORTRAIT PROJECT**

This project is a volunteer effort of professional photographers and hair & makeup artist. We visit the disaster area, where the wounds from the earthquake still run deep, and take portraits of the survivors with the goal of lifting their spirit so they can have the confidence to take a step toward the future. Most survivors lost their family photographs, washed away by the tsunami. Having new commemorative photographs gives them a little encouragement to live their lives positively.

As of December 2011, we had visited approximately 30 shelters/temporary housing sites and photographed a total of 1,000 families. With the cooperation of elementary, junior high, and high school students from non-disaster areas, we have had these photographs carefully framed so we can present them back to the victims along with messages of support from the students.

The reconstruction of buildings and infrastructure in the affected area is only the beginning of the recovery process; the emotional healing will take much longer. We want to continue our project hoping that by taking photographs of the people of Tohoku we will see smiles coming back to their faces.



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**We need your warm support to continue this activity and provide more people with new commemorative photographs. Please donate.**

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