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Canstruction 2014

Charity event and exhibition, now in its 19th year, engages the design industry to end hunger in Massachusetts.

October 12–October 31, 2014

(Boston, September 29)—Canstruction is a charity event and exhibition where teams of architects, designers, engineers, and contractors compete to create colossal sculptures made out of canned goods. This year's theme is "Pop Culture." The canned-good sculptures, embodying current trends in design, entertainment, and popular lifestyle, will be on display at BSA Space and in the Atlantic Wharf lobby at 280 Congress Street, Boston, from Sunday, October 12, through Friday, October 31. Members of the public will have the opportunity to vote online for their favorite works through the Canstruction Boston Facebook page at facebook.com/CanstructionBoston through Wednesday October 15, 1:00 PM. After the sculptures are dismantled, all the canned goods, supplied by the teams and coordinated through Whole Foods Market, will be donated to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Participating firms:

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge; CBT Architects; Gensler; HMFH Architects; IA | Interior Architects; Lavallee Brensinger Architects; Nitsch Engineering; Payette; Prellwitz Chilinski Associates; Sasaki Associates; Steffian Bradley Architects; Simpson Gumpertz & Heger; Stantec; studioTROIKA; Tappe Architects; and Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates/ Northeastern University: Chi Epsilon chapter.

Says BSA president Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA: *"We are proud to host Canstruction 2014—an event and exhibition that provides a creative, fun, and powerful opportunity for us to pursue our mission to engage communities, inspire vision, and provoke positive change."*

In 2013, Canstruction Boston donated 75,414 pounds of food from the participating 26 firms to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, which is the equivalent of more than 62,000 meal servings, or enough food to feed two-and-a-half meals to every child in Lowell.

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BSA Space

Boston's leading cultural institution on architecture and design, BSA Space is home to the Boston Society of Architects and the BSA Foundation. The BSA Space gallery is open from 10:00 am–6:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am–5:00 pm on weekends and holidays. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information visit architects.org/bsaspace

Canstruction

Canstruction, sponsored annually by the Society for Design Administration and hosted by BSA Space, is an international, trademarked, design-build competition. Teams of architects, engineers, and students compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from cans of food. Since its inception, over 10 million pounds of food have been donated to aid in the fight against hunger. Thousands of hungry people are fed wherever a Canstruction competition is held. For additional information visit canstruction-boston.org

The Merrimack Valley Food Bank

The Merrimack Valley Food Bank is a community-supported 501c-3 nonprofit organization that provides nutritious food and personal-care items to emergency feeding programs serving the low-income, homeless, and hungry population. It is one of only four food banks in Massachusetts that serves food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and day and residential programs that, in turn, serve individuals and families. More information mvfb.org

Whole Foods Market

Whole Foods Market, the leading natural and organic food retailer, is committed to supporting the communities it serves. The 36 stores in the North Atlantic region collectively and individually support the schools, nonprofit groups, and food-relief organizations that serve their neighbors. The company's motto, "Whole Foods, Whole People, Whole Planet"™ captures its mission to ensure customer satisfaction and health, team member excellence and happiness, enhanced shareholder value, community support, and environmental improvement. Whole Foods Market has been ranked as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America by *FORTUNE* magazine for 17 consecutive years. For more information visit wholefoodsmarket.com

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