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Canstruction 2015

Charity event and exhibition, now in its 20th year, teams up with the design industry to end hunger in Massachusetts.

October 11 through October 30, 2015

(Boston, October 7, 2015)—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 and other nonperishable food items. According to local hunger-relief organization and beneficiary Merrimack Valley Food Bank in Lowell, this year in Massachusetts, 700,000 children and adults cannot confidently predict where their next meal is coming from—a number almost 40 percent higher than it was before the recession and almost 80 percent higher than at the beginning of the last decade. For nearly two decades, the design community in Boston has united through a fun medium that provides canned food for charities fighting hunger in Massachusetts. In 2014, Canstruction Boston donated 38,831 pounds of food from the participating 16 firms, which is the equivalent of more than 29,870 meal servings, or enough food to feed two-and-a-half meals to every child in Lowell. In the past 19 years, Canstruction Boston has collected more than 750,000 pounds of food, which has provided roughly 600,000 meals to those in the Greater Boston and surrounding areas.

Says 2015 BSA president Tim Love AIA:

"BSA and BSA Foundation are honored to host Canstruction 2015. This is a wonderful way to show the power of design and the transformative impact it can have in the lives of our local residents."

This year's theme is "Celebrate! 20 years in Boston" The canned-good sculptures, representing Boston and popular culture for the past 20 years, will be on display at BSA Space and in the Atlantic Wharf lobby at 280 Congress Street, Boston, from Sunday, October 11, through Friday, October 30.

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](https://www.facebook.com/CanstructionBoston) from Sunday, October 11, until 1:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14. After the sculptures are dismantled, all the canned goods, supplied by the teams and coordinated in part through

Whole Foods Market, will be donated to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in Lowell, Massachusetts.

A record number of 26 teams are taking part in this year's edition.

Participating firms:

BR+A Consulting Engineers; Bruner/Cott Architects and Planners; CBT Architects; Commodore Builders; CUBE 3 Studio; EYP Architecture & Engineering; Gensler; Goddard Technologies; Goody Clancy; Haley & Aldrich; Lavallee Brensinger Architects; Nitsch Engineering; Payette; Prellwitz Chilinski Associates; PES Structural Engineers in a joint venture with Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Phase Zero Design; Prellwitz Chilinski Associates; Sasaki Associates; Silman; Simpson Gumpertz & Heger; SMMA/Symmes Maini & McKee Associates; Stantec; studioTROIKA; Tocci Building Corporation; Tsoi/Kobus & Associates; Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates in a joint venture with Northeastern University Chi Epsilon Chapter; and WSP.

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BSA Space

BSA Space, Boston's leading cultural institution for architecture and design, is home to the Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA) and the BSA Foundation. The BSA is one of the oldest chapters of the American Institute of Architects. The BSA Foundation, a charitable organization, supports activities that illuminate the ways that design improves the quality of our lives. All exhibitions at BSA Space are supported by the BSA Foundation. Admission to BSA Space is free and open to the public. For more information, visit architects.org/bsaspace.

Canstruction

Canstruction, hosted by BSA Space, is an international, trademarked, design-build competition. Teams of architects, engineers, construction firms, and students compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from cans of food. Since its inception, more than 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. For more information, visit mvfb.org.

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