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Canstruction 2016

Charity event and exhibition, now in its 21st year, teams up with the building industry to end hunger in Massachusetts.

October 9 through October 28, 2016

(Boston, October 4, 2016)—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 the United States Department of Agriculture, 13.1 million children under 18 in the United States live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life. For more than two decades, the design community in Boston has united through a creative medium that provides canned food for charities fighting hunger in Massachusetts. In 2015, Canstruction Boston donated 82,310 pounds of food from the participating 25 teams, which is the equivalent of more than 63,315 meals meal servings. In the past 20 years, Canstruction Boston has collected more than 800,000 pounds of food, which has provided over 675,000 meals to those in the Greater Boston and surrounding areas.

Says 2016 BSA president Tamara Roy AIA:

"BSA and BSA Foundation are honored to host Canstruction every year. This is a transformative way to show the power of design and the positive impact it can have in the lives of our communities."

This year's theme is Journey into Space. The canned-good sculptures, will be on display at BSA Space and in the Atlantic Wharf lobby at 280 Congress Street, Boston from Sunday, October 9, through Friday, October 28.

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 October 9, until 1:00 pm on October 12. After the sculptures are dismantled, all the canned goods, supplied by the teams, will be donated to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in Lowell, Massachusetts.

A total of 27 teams are taking part in this year's edition.

Participating firms:

Ai3 Architects, Adams + Beasley Associates Custom Builders, Ann Beha Architects, Architectural Resources Cambridge, CannonDesign, Core States Group, Cosentini Associates, Inc., CUBE 3 Studio, Gensler with ARUP (Joint Venture), Goody Clancy, HDR, Inc. with NEU/Chi Epsilon Chapter (Joint Venture), HFA | ALLEVATO, Nitsch Engineering, Inc., Payette, Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, Phase Zero Design, Sasaki Associates, Inc., Silman, Simpson Gumpertz + Heger, SMRT Architects & Engineers with Columbia Construction (Joint Venture), Stantec, Steffian Bradley Architects, Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates, Tappe Architects, Tsoi / Kobus & Associates, Wessling Architects, WSP / Parsons Brinkerhoff with The S/L/A/M Collaborative (Joint Venture)

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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. BSA Space is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am–6:00 pm, and on weekends and holidays from 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Admission 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.

About Hannaford Supermarkets

Hannaford has long-standing relationships with food banks and local food pantries. Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger was established in 2008 to help food banks feed individuals and families in need. The program is a powerful collaborative partnership with customers

and suppliers to be able to send one hundred percent of received donations straight to local pantries, regional food banks, and anti-hunger organizations.

Hannaford has generously offered use of their trucks to transport cans from the venue to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank this year.

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