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Feast for the eyes, food for the hungry

Canstruction® Design/Build Competition and Show open to public
Oct. 11- 18, 2009

One of five Canstruction® events in Texas
Local architects, engineers to build giant sculptures with
cans and boxes of food destined for regional food bank

FORT WORTH (September 21, 2009)-- In Tarrant County, teams of architects and engineers are designing gigantic structures to be constructed entirely with labeled cans and boxes of food. THE ONLY LIMITATIONS to their creativity are their imaginations, the colors on food boxes and can labels, and the size requirements of no larger than 10 feet square by 8 feet high. THEIR GOAL: To win an award in the 2009 Canstruction® Competition and help fight hunger in the 13 counties served by Tarrant Area Food Bank.

TITLES OF THE SCULPTURES offer intriguing references to the content of the can-structions as with "Wishing Hunger Away" (Wishing Well), "TIN CAN MAN" (Tin Man), "Flush Away Hunger" (Toilet), "Doll and Finn Go Nose to Nose Against Hunger" (Dolphins), and "Operation: End Hunger" (Battleship).

Canstruction® competitions are held throughout the nation, including five in Texas organized in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. For the past five consecutive years, since 2004, at least one winning sculpture in the Fort Worth/Tarrant County competition has won a national award.

The local 2009 CANSTRUCTION® COMPETITION AND SHOW, will be on display, FREE of charge, from SUNDAY, OCT. 11, THROUGH SUNDAY, OCT. 18, at NORTH EAST MALL, 1101 Melbourne Rd., Hurst.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11, the PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WATCH as 11 teams defy expectations, logic and gravity to construct their unconventional masterpieces from thousands of boxes and cans of food. These super-sized structures will be built between 9 a.m. and about 3 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 12, LOCAL EXPERTS AND CELEBRITIES WILL JUDGE the entries for the awards of Best Use of Labels, Best Meal, Structural Integrity and Jurors' Favorite. Through Oct. 17, each visitor is invited to vote for a can-struction for the "People's Choice" award and Honorable Mention at Center Court in front of Macy's. A dollar donation to Tarrant Area Food Bank is asked for each vote, and anyone can vote as many times as one likes.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, the awards will be announced and presented at the 2009 Canstruction® GALA, "Black & White with a Splash of Red," presented by the Fort Worth Chapters of the Society for Design Administration and The American Institute of Architects. The

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gala is 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Stockyard Station's Lone Star Room, 130 E. Exchange Ave., Fort Worth 76164. TICKETS ar \$35 per person or \$250 per table of eight. Checks should be made payable to SDA Fort Worth and mailed before Oct. 9 to Julie Meeks, Frank W. Neal & Associates, 1015 W. Broadway Ave., Fort worth, TX 76104.

When Canstruction® is dismantled, the FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO Tarrant Area Food Bank, the regional food bank serving 300 hunger-relief charities in 13 counties around Fort Worth. OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, can-struction teams and their sponsoring firms have donated nearly 535,000 pounds of food to the regional Food Bank.

THE VOLUNTEER CANSTRUCTION® TEAMS in Tarrant County this year are from:
ARLINGTON—Sterling Barnett Little, Tarrant County College Southeast and VLK Architects; and
FORT WORTH—Dunaway Associates, Frank W. Neal & Associates, Freese and Nichols, Gideon Toal, Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford Architects, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Jaster-Quintanilla (JQ), and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

This year's JUDGES include Tom McGrath, chef and owner of Ultimate Cuisine and Events, Fort Worth, and of Cafe Nutt, Granbury; Melissa Jones-Meyer, editor, Fort Worth Construction News, Fort Worth; Mike Pierce, president, Pierce General Contractors, Inc., Fort Worth; Jeff Fry, managing director, Legacy Architecture, Dallas; and Suzie Adams, executive director, American Institute of Architects, Fort Worth Chapter.

All Canstruction® competitions are done under the auspices of the Society for Design Administration and its Canstruction® Foundation. LOCALLY, the competition and show is organized each year by the Fort Worth chapters of the Society for Design Administration and the American Institute of Architects.

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