



# INFORMATION BOOKLET

to benefit the Community  
Food Bank of New Jersey

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## About Canstruction, Inc.

Canstruction, Inc. is a non-profit organization that coordinates annual design and build competitions in a way that combines the creative thinking of the design and construction industry with a community service initiative. This international community service project bases its service on the construction of structures made entirely out of canned food, raising awareness about hunger to show how “one CAN make a difference.” Working in tandem with AIA and other members of the design and construction industry, Canstruction has become one of the largest contributors to food banks in the world. To learn more about Canstruction, please visit <http://www.canstruction.org>.

## About AIA and AIA New Jersey

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional organization that helps architects serve the public’s need needs and builds awareness of the role of architects and architecture in American society. The organization was founded in 1857 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It’s 300 plus local chapters represent over 88,000 licensed architects and associated professionals. AIA New Jersey, based in Trenton, is the local chapter of AIA. For more information, please visit [www.aia-nj.org](http://www.aia-nj.org).



## About our competition

Created under the vision of uniting design and engineering through a unique fun and rewarding challenge that will improve the lives of the underprivileged and benefit local food bank programs. This charity event is part of a national program that calls upon teams of architects and designers to envision and create structures made entirely of canned food.

The event consists of designing and building a structure made from canned foods within 10ft. x 10ft. x 10ft. high space.

- Important dates:

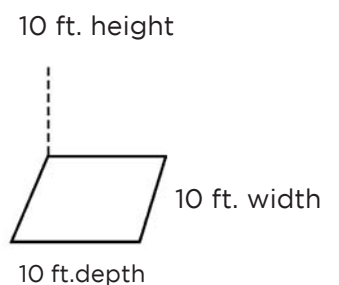
**1. Build Day** .- 12 hour time frame for each team to build their structure in the designated space and venue.

**2. Award Ceremony** .- a selected group of jurors from different backgrounds will judge all teams and present awards in seven different categories:

- Structural ingenuity
- Best meal
- Best use of labels
- Best Original Design
- Most Cans
- People's choice
- Honorable Mention

3. Each team will receive an official display board given by the Canstruction Committee informing the public about each teams' sculpture name and concept, amount of cans used, team members and sponsors.

**4. DeCanstruction.**- the sculptures will be de-constructed by the food bank representatives.



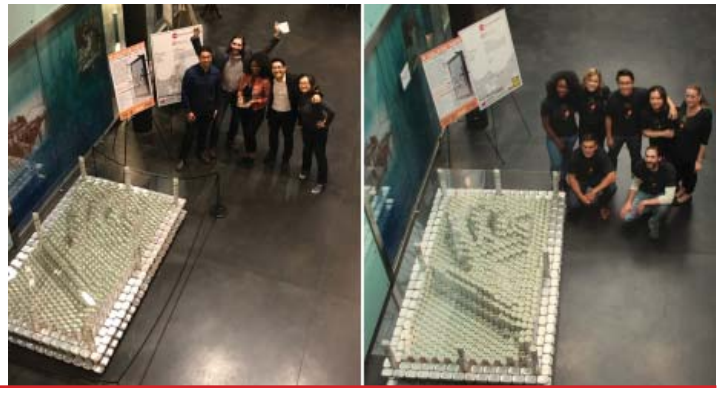


## Teams

A competition open to teams consisting of New Jersey Architects, Engineering and Design Professionals. Each team is responsible for fundraising the amount of cans required for their designs along with the logistics of shipping, loading and building their sculpture.

Each Team is represented by:

1. One individual firm and/or
  2. Two firms may join together to form one team. This exception will apply depending upon the size of the firm and the funds to get the adequate amount of cans for their design.
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one **can** make a difference.®

**AND THANK  
YOU !!**

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