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Heroes and Villains Take Center Stage at CANstruction

LEXINGTON, Ky. – This edible competition, sponsored by The American Institute of Architects East Kentucky Chapter (AIA EKC), is in its third year in Lexington. CANstruction is a unique charity art exhibition featuring structures made entirely out of full cans of food, where the cans at the end of the competition are donated to the local Food Bank.

On Tuesday, November 19th starting at 8 am and working until 6 pm at the Lexington Center downtown, five teams from Lexington’s top architectural and engineering firms will go head to head to design and build the canstructures. “We are happy to have this event back for its third year in Lexington” said Michael Halligan, God’s Pantry Food Bank, CEO. “Having fun, unique ways to involve the community in the fight against hunger, is always exciting for us. Last year’s amazing structures helped create more than 16,000 meals. We can’t wait to see what CANstruction will bring in 2019.”

The 5 participating teams this year will be:
- Ross Tarrant Architects/CMTA
- GRW
- Lord Aeck Sargent/KLH Engineers/Brown + Kubican/Messer Construction
- Gray Construction
- Integrity Architecture/Poage Engineers/Stantec

The result CANcompetition will be 5 unique canstructures that will wow visitors. They will be on display from November 19 after 6 pm until December 8 for the public to view. There are 6 award categories for the competition: Most Cans, People’s Choice, Best Use of Labels, Best Meal, Structural Ingenuity, and Best Original Design. All local winners will move on to the International Competition which will announce winners at the 2020 AIA National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

“AIA EKC is very excited to partner with God’s Pantry Food Bank and The Shops at Lexington Center for the third annual Lexington CANstruction event,” said AIA EKC representatives. "We’re very fortunate to have strong support and sponsorship from local firms and companies to make it all possible. This year, we have both brand new and returning teams who have pushed their creative boundaries to develop great ideas for the can structures. As a result, we are proud to increase the number of cans that will benefit the Food Bank. CANstruction is a great opportunity for the design community to engage with the public; with this year’s playful theme of Heroes and Villains, we hope to draw interest to the event, increase awareness for the CANstruction organization and give back to those in need with the help of God’s Pantry Food Bank.”
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Thank you to this year’s event sponsors: The Shops at the Lexington Center, Kroger, Lynn Imaging/Monster Color, Facility Commissioning Group, Thermal Equipment Sales, Spohn, Clay Ingels, Omni Architects, and Louisville Tile.

Media is welcome to stop by between 10 am-12 pm at the Lexington Center during the build day and a representative from the Food Bank will be there for any questions.

About GPFB
The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. Partnering through more than 400 food pantry and meal programs the Food Bank serves 50 counties of Central and Eastern Kentucky distributing $100 worth of food for every $10 donated. Last year, God’s Pantry Food Bank and its partner agencies distributed more than 39.7 million pounds of groceries to more than 190,000 individuals, including 13.8 million pounds of fresh produce. For more information visit us at www.godspantryfoodbank.org

About AIA EKC
The American Institute of Architects, East Kentucky Chapter (AIA EKC) is a group of local architects that seeks to advance the profession of architecture through fellowship, career development, and community engagement.

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