

### **A Call for Teams for the Second Annual Grand Rapids Design/Build Competition to Help End Hunger**

**"Canstruction®" Kicks-off with Informational Meeting on Thursday, November 19, at Kendall College of Art and Design  
November 16, 2009**

The "Canstruction®" project in Grand Rapids is planning its 2nd annual design/build competition, to be held at the West Michigan Home & Garden Show in March 2010. The local Canstruction steering committee is seeking creative teams of architects, engineers, contractors, designers, students, and any other business that would like to participate.

Teams will build sculptures up to 10'x 10'x 8' in size made entirely of canned food to help raise awareness of and end hunger in Grand Rapids. Anyone interested in participating should attend the informational meeting on Thursday, November 19 at Kendall College of Art and Design (KCAD), 17 Fountain Street NW, Grand Rapids, Room 103 at 5:15 p.m., for complete rules and regulations and questions and answers. Teams can obtain an entry form at the meeting or by emailing [cannedrapids@gmail.com](mailto:cannedrapids@gmail.com). The entry fee is \$100 and is due by December 15. Teams are responsible for acquiring canned food.

The public will be able to view these incredible sculptures on display from March 4–7, 2010, at the 31st Annual Home & Garden Show at DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids. The competition will benefit the Salvation Army's Booth Family Services, a member of the ACCESS Pantry Network. It is co-sponsored by Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University and the law firm of Miller Canfield, supported by the National Interior Design Association Michigan Chapter and endorsed by the Grand Valley Chapter of The American Institute of Architects and The Society for Design Administration.

The first-ever Canstruction® event in Grand Rapids, held in spring 2009, resulted in a donation of over 12,000 canned goods for the Salvation Army's Booth Family Services. The 2009 teams included Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (created iPod, "Can You Hear Us?"); Integrated Architecture, Pioneer Construction, and JDH Engineering (created Atari video game, Space Aliens); KCAD student chapter of AIGA (created a table setting); KCAD student competition winner (created "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"); and Paradigm Design, Inc. (created "The Miraculous Landing on the Hudson River").

Canstruction in Grand Rapids is a student-driven design competition in the form of sculptural art led by a Kendall senior student, Interior Design major, Emily Davison. For more information, and photos of structures, visit [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org). Click on participating cities/Grand Rapids.

As a part of Ferris State University, Kendall College of Art and Design offers programs that prepare the college's graduates for professional lives as artists and designers. Kendall's undergraduate programs include art education, art history, digital media, fine arts, furniture design, graphic design, illustration, industrial design, interior design, metals/jewelry, painting, photography, and sculpture and functional art. Kendall also offers the MFA in Fine Arts and the MBA with a Concentration in



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