

## Miller Canfield and Kendall College of Art and Design Host Unique Benefit for Salvation Army

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### Unusual Sculpture Exhibition will be Open to the Community, March 31 – April 3

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Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University and the law firm of Miller Canfield announce an unusual competition open to architects, artists, designers, engineers, and the general community. Known as Canstruction®, this interesting project will benefit The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services. Locally, Canstruction is a student-driven project led by Kendall Interior Design major, junior Emily Davison.

A nationwide program, Canstruction is a design competition in the form of sculptural art created by companies, organizations and individuals and made completely of canned foods. These structures are up to 8 feet tall and 10 feet wide with no interior structural support. The deadline for entering the local competition is Wednesday, February 18. The sculptures will be constructed in Kendall's first floor Atrium at 17 Fountain NW in downtown Grand Rapids. The competition opens on March 28 and 29 with the Team Build. The entries will be judged at 1:00 p.m. on March 30 and the winners will be announced at the closing event at Kendall at 6:30 p.m. All entries will be on display to the public from March 31 to April 3. Once the sculptures are 'de-can-structed,' all of the canned food will be donated to The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services for distribution to West Michigan food pantries. For information visit [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org) and search for Grand Rapids under "City Search."

### About Kendall College of Art and Design

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 Design and Innovation Management. Kendall is an active community partner and annually provides over 2,000 children and adults the opportunity to pursue courses in art and design through a richly varied continuing studies program. Visit Kendall on the web at [www.kcad.edu](http://www.kcad.edu).

### About Miller Canfield

The law firm of Miller Canfield offers businesses, governments, nonprofits, individuals and families a broad array of integrated legal and business services in over 55 areas. With Michigan roots for 157 years – including more than 25 years in West Michigan – and a global reach, the firm has 370 lawyers throughout offices in Michigan, Illinois, Florida, New York, Canada, Poland, and China. For more information, visit [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com).

### About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. Nearly 33 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for

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underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in nearly 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>. Betty Zylstra, Director of The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services stated, "We are thrilled to be the recipient of the canned food that will be used in Canstruction. The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services is the only area food pantry open to the public five afternoons a week, so we are responsible for responding to hundreds of persons each month. We're also pleased to be able to distribute the proceeds of the project to other key food pantries throughout the greater Grand Rapids area."