

## "Canstruction" Project Attracts a Variety of Entries

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### **Kendall College of Art and Design and Miller Canfield, Co-Sponsors of Canstruction,® Announce Entries and Judges in First-Ever Competition for West Michigan**

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The innovative design competition announced recently by Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University and the law firm of Miller Canfield has attracted entries to the Canstruction Project from architecture and design firms. The local teams will build sculptures up to 10'x 10'x 8' in size made entirely of canned food -- all to benefit The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services.

Nationally organized, Canstruction helps direct Canstruction projects across the country. This year, Grand Rapids is among 40 cities participating in the event to help fight hunger. Canstruction in Grand Rapids is a student-driven design competition in the form of sculptural art led by a Kendall junior student, Interior Design major, Emily Davison.

This year's competition entries are:

- Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.; engineers, scientists, architects, and constructors
- Integrated Architecture, Pioneer Construction, and JDH Engineering; entering as one team
- Kendall College of Art and Design; student chapter of AIGA, the professional association for design
- Kendall College of Art and Design; student competition winner
- Paradigm Design, Inc.; architects and civil engineers

The judges have also been named. They are:

- George Heartwell, Mayor, City of Grand Rapids
- Gerry Barnaby, on-air personality, WLHT-FM 95.7
- Glenn R. Rahn, AIA; DTS + Winkelmann LLC
- Jeff York, Principal, Miller Canfield
- Major Ralph Bukiewicz, Divisional Commander, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division, The Salvation Army

The sculptures will be constructed in Kendall's first floor Atrium at 17 Fountain NW. The competition opens on March 28 and 29 with the Team Build. The entries will be judged on March 30 at 1:00 pm. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with the announcement of winners and the presentation of awards at 6:00 pm.

The public is encouraged to view these incredible sculptures on display from March 31 to April 3. Visitors are also encouraged to vote for The People's Choice Award. Ballots will be available on-site and the cost is \$1.00 or one can of food. At the end of the day on April 3 the People's Choice Award will be named. Once the sculptures are 'de-can-structed,' all of the food is donated to The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services for distribution to the area's food pantries. For more information, and photos of structures from other participating cities, visit [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org).