

Miller Canfield Sponsors Construction Detroit

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From October 26-30, 2011, the community is invited to the **Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) Great Hall** to explore the **2011 Detroit Construction® Design/Build** exhibit. Giant sculptures made completely of canned food will be on display highlighting the event's theme – **"you can't spell food without the D."** The exhibit is open to the public during DIA hours of operation from October 26-30, 2011. Museum hours and admission cost can be found at www.dia.org.

Thousands of vegetable, soup and other canned goods will be used to create unique works of art built by teams of local architects, designers, engineers, contractors and students. Detroit Construction® will help raise awareness about hunger issues while nourishing families in need. All cans used in the exhibits will be donated to **Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan** (Gleaners).

Event schedule:

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., teams will design and build a sculpture, using canned goods within a 10'x10'x8'h space. (not open to the public)

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., each sculpture will be reviewed by a panel of judges including: Barb Sido, American Institute of Architects Michigan; Dr. Yao Fen You, DIA; Amanda Van Dusen, Miller Canfield; Gerry Brisson, Gleaners; celebrity chef Douglas Runyan, El Guapo Grill; Kroger representative.

A-CAN-demy Awards Gala at 5:30 p.m., winners will be announced in five categories: Best Meal, Best Use of Labels, Structural Ingenuity, Jurors' Favorite, as well as two Honorable Mentions. Winners from each category advance to the international level of competition held in late spring 2012 at the Society for Design Administration's annual convention. (not open to the public)

Competing Teams: Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit; HKS Architects, Northville; Kraemer Design Group, Detroit; Quinn Evans Architects, Ann Arbor; Smith Group, Detroit; TMP Architecture, Bloomfield Hills; College of Creative Studies Interiors Department, Detroit; University of Detroit Mercy American Institute of Architect Students (AIAS), Detroit

"Construction is for a great cause, providing badly needed food for those in need," said Frank Arvan, president AIA Detroit. "It is a great way to show the creative design thinking of architects and other design professionals."

"What a great combination! Feeding the hungry while feeding the soul with these creative works at the DIA," said Amanda Van Dusen, principal and public law group leader at Miller Canfield. "I am looking forward to seeing the architectural wonders built by AIA members."

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About Construction®:

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