

# canstruction © 2008

## West Charlotte vs. Independence vs. Myers Park

**What:** Canstruction® is the most unique food charity in the world!

A foundation of the Society for Design Administration (SDA), Canstruction® is a design/build competition currently held in cities throughout North America. Teams of architects, engineers, and students mentored by these professionals, compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from full cans of food.

The results are displayed to the public as magnificent sculpture exhibits in each city where a competition is held. At the close of the exhibitions all of the canned food used in the structures is donated to local food banks for distribution to emergency feeding programs that include pantries, soup kitchens, elderly and day care centers.

Since its inception, ten million pounds of food has been donated to aid in the fight against hunger. Initiated by the Denver, Seattle and New York Chapters of the SDA in 1992/93, Canstruction® now has over one hundred individual competitions scheduled to take place during the 2007-2008 cycle.

Design and Construction Industry professional associations that have partnered with the SDA in organizing local competitions include the American Institute of Architects, the Society for Marketing Professional Services and the International Interior Design Association.

We invite you to tour the website at [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org) to learn more about becoming a part of this exciting competition to aid in the fight against hunger.

**Why:** 13.7% of the population in the surrounding 19 counties in both North and South Carolina including 12,000 children and 40,000 elderly live in poverty. Over 65% of the emergency pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters have reported an increase in client base from 2007.

**Who:** All proceeds will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.

**When:** 9:00am - 5:00pm on Saturday, November 8, 2008

**Where:** One Independence Center (Lobby)  
101 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

**How:** Each Team from their respective school will be responsible for collecting non-perishable food items and delivering their food to One Independence Center on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, each Team will need to arrive with a design to build their canstructure. The number of cans needed, will depend on the design. However, it is recommended that each school aim to collect 1000 cans. Each school has also been allotted \$250 to supplement their can collection and will be coordinated through the Mentor Chair. A 10'-0" by 10'-0" square will be designated for each Team. Teams can have an unlimited number of builders; however, no more than 5 builders can be inside the square at one time. The canstruction schedule begins at 9:00am and building can last until 5:00pm. Canstructures will then remain at One Independence Center on display until November 18<sup>th</sup>. During that time judges will select winners for each of the following categories: best use of labels, best overall design and best structural ingenuity.