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Architects, Builders, Engineers Devote Talents To Feed the Hungry *Canstruction LA Exhibits Huge, Imaginative Structures Made of Cans of Foods*

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, Canstruction LA is part of the Downtown Art Walk, January 10, 2013, in the Farmers and Merchants Bank Building

LOS ANGELES—Architects, designers, builders, and engineers will soon create structures meant for feeding, not housing. Instead of bricks, they will use cans of food for the Seventh Annual Canstruction LA design/build contest. Coming to Downtown Los Angeles for the first time, Canstruction LA will be a feature at the January Downtown Art Walk. The structures will be on public exhibition in the Farmers and Merchants Bank Building (401 South Main Street) on Thursday, January 10th, Noon-10PM, and on Friday, January 11th, 11AM-7PM.

After the exhibit, all cans will be donated to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank for county-wide distribution to those in need. The public is encouraged to donate to the Food Bank directly by texting FEEDLA to 80888 for a \$10 donation.

“The Food Bank is grateful for the design community’s support,” says Michael Flood, President and CEO of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. “We are thankful to Gilmore Associates and the Downtown Art Walk for their support.” The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank is a nonprofit, charitable organization that has been serving the disadvantaged since 1973, and is at the heart of a charitable food distribution network that includes more than 640 charitable agencies with more than 1,000 program sites in Los Angeles County.

The 2013 jury (Edward Cella, director of Edward Cella Art & Architecture; Adrian Kudler, editor of Curbed Los Angeles; Michelle Lainez, executive chef at Pete’s Café; Gwynne Pugh, FAIA, principal of Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio) will judge the structures, naming the Juror’s Favorite, Best Use of Labels, Best Meal, and Structural Ingenuity. The winning structures then compete with other regional winners for the national Canstruction awards.

Canstruction LA is organized by the Society for Design Administration, and is presented this year by Gilmore Associates and Downtown Art Walk. Platinum sponsors are Brookfield Properties, FedEx, HBC, Herman Miller, *LA Downtown News*, The Resnick Family Foundation, Skanska, and Tom Bonner Photography. Silver sponsors are National Office Furniture and Spectra Resources Company. Bronze sponsors are Cabot Cheeses, FASTSIGNS, Jetro Cash & Carry, Milliken & Company, Sparkletts Water, Sprinkles Cupcakes, and Stacked Wine.

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