

# Canstruction® Houston 2009

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Design/Build Competition

**Houston area architects, engineers, designers, and construction firms come together to build giant structures out of canned goods to benefit the Houston Food Bank.**

Architects, engineers, designers, contractors and students mentored by these professionals, are challenged to design and build colossal sculptures using canned food as their primary building block. Tape and cardboard serve as nails and cement. The colors and designs on food product labels form the artists' pallet. "Bricks" come in a variety of sizes from the smallest tuna can to the industrial-size tomato can. Competition rules dictate that structures can be only 10' x 10' x 8' h and must be self-supporting.



This deliciously inventive competition broke ground in 1992, the brainchild of the Society for Design Administration in association with chapters of the American Institute of Architects and allied professional organizations in the design and construction industry. A truly grass roots, all volunteer organization, the Canstruction competition currently takes place in over 100 cities across North America and has spread beyond our borders. It's the most exciting food drive ever implemented.

For team and sponsor information, please call or visit the website.



**Benefiting the Houston Food Bank**

  
**houstonfoodbank**  
Filling pantries. Filling lives.

## Dates

November 9-13

## Location

CenterPoint Energy Building  
1111 Louisiana, Houston

## Website

[www.canstruction-houston.com](http://www.canstruction-houston.com)  
[www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org)

## Event Statistics

2008	19 Teams 54,377 cans
2007	15 Teams 43,932 cans
2006	13 Teams 28,176 cans
2005	13 Teams 38,098 cans

**It starts with one can.  
To feed the hungry.  
To lift the spirit.  
To change the world.**

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