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Third Annual CANstruction Competition Set to Alleviate Hunger With Creative Design in Long Beach

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Photo courtesy of terri henry marketing of the 2014 CANstruction event. The Queen Mary designed and constructed by the P2S/MHPSE team.

Last year's designs were awe-inspiring: elaborate can designs in the shape of The Queen Mary and other iconic Long Beach structures. What's more, such events held in 140 cities around the globe have collected over 15 million pounds of canned food for a good cause.

This year, the third annual competition will be held in the Landmark Square Building lobby, beginning at 8:00AM on September 15, with the display lasting through September 25. Over 10,000 lbs. of canned goods will be used to construct the 10' x 10' x 10' structures and will be donated to local nonprofit Food Finders food rescue/bank to help alleviate hunger within the Long Beach community, and all adhering to this year's theme, "It doesn't take a superhero to end hunger."

"Food Finders is excited to be the beneficiary of the third annual Long Beach CANstruction," said Diana Lara, vice president of Operations of Food Finders in a statement. "Last year's event generated a 16,000 pound donation of canned goods, and this unique event will continue to heighten awareness of food insecurity in our community and will play an important role in helping to feed the hungry in our own backyard."

Six local teams of engineers and architects will participate in the competition. This year's competitors are:

- Environ Architecture partnering with California Resources Corp.
- Moffatt & Nichol
- C/A Architects
- Kamus + Keller Interiors | Architecture
- Alta Vista Solutions
- DPR Construction partnering with HDR Architects

Visitors are encouraged to bring their own cans to the Landmark building, voting on the winners by placing cans in a bin labeled "People's Choice" next to each structure. Other awards, selected by a jury, include "Structural Ingenuity," "Best Use of Labels," "Most Cans," "Best Meal" and "Juror's Favorite."

"Our six talented teams have spent months designing their entries and are allowed only 12 hours to meticulously stack and color-coordinate their cans into ingenious feats of design," said event organizer Terri Henry in a statement. "The ultimate donation of thousands of cans of food to feed the hungry in our community makes it all worthwhile to the teams."

CANstruction® Long Beach 2016 is sponsored by the AIA Long Beach/South Bay Chapter, SCAN Health Plan, Sweatpants Media, Long Beach Post, Dine LBC - Long Beach Restaurant Week, Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau and S&W Beans, who donated 765 cases of product for the build teams to use in their designs.

For more information about CANstruction Long Beach, click here (<http://www.CANstructionLongBeach.org>).

The Landmark Square Building lobby is located at 111 West Ocean Boulevard in downtown Long Beach.

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