



Canstruction Long Island, Inc. names board of directors

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Canstruction Long Island, Inc., one of the country's most unique food charities, has appointed its board of directors. Now planning their 7th annual competition, the group's mission is to help end the anguish of food insecurity here on Long Island by raising public awareness and filling the shelves of local food banks through its annual design competition comprised of sculptures made entirely of non-perishable cans of food.

"We are extremely honored to have such a dynamic and enthusiastic team," said Tracy Lobdell, executive director, Canstruction. "Their combined experience and insights about the Long Island region and its fight against hunger will be invaluable to our organization."

The Canstruction Long Island Board of Directors:

- * Tracy Lobdell, executive director of Canstruction Long Island, marketing coordinator, Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc.;
- * Eric Schlameuss, assistant vice president of Architecture, RXR Realty;
- * Ellen Talley, principal, Island Rep Group;
- * Corrine Collins, marketing manager, PW Grosser Consulting;
- * Chris Sagistano, staff architect, H2M Group; and
- * Andrew Weinberg, FSMPS, CPSM, regional business development manager, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger.

Since 2007, Canstruction Long Island has held its annual competition where teams of design and construction professionals, college students and middle and high school students led by architects and engineers, showcase their talent and creativity by creating giant, self-supporting structures out of cans of non-perishable food. The structures are on display to the public for 10 days, after which the cans are donated to Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank to feed the more than 300,000 Long Islanders that are affected by hunger and/or food insecurity.

For more information about sponsoring Canstruction Long Island, forming a team or attending the awards reception, please visit www.canstructionli.org.

Canstruction Long Island, Inc., a Long Island-based 501 (c)(3), is using 'one can' as a catalyst for change, 'one can' to represent the building blocks of these massive sculptures, 'one can' to prove that every act of kindness makes a difference. Through the generosity of volunteers, celebrity judges, and members of the community, Canstruction competitions around the world have contributed millions of pounds of food to community food banks demonstrating that we can win the fight against hunger. Since 2007, the participants of Canstruction Long Island have donated over 93 tons of food and thousands of dollars to help feed the hungry on Long Island. For more information go to www.canstructionli.org.