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## Don't Play "Cat & Mouse" with Hunger

Food Bank is the Big Winner of Canstruction Vancouver 2006

Vancouver, BC—March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. "Cat and Mouse" by Industrial Brand Creative and Legends Memorabilia captured the judge's eye for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, winning the **Juror's Favourite Award** at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Canstruction® Vancouver competition at the Cruise Ship Terminal at Canada Place. "The 23 teams in this year's event responded in a creative and generous way to the "Playtime" theme, crafting remarkably sophisticated sculptures out of canned food" states Margot Paris, Chair. Twelve awards were given:

NATIONAL AWARD CATEGORIES			
AWARD	COMPANY	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Juror's Favourite</b>	Industrial Brand Creative Legends Memorabilia	Catch Me If You Can	A determined cat reaches through the mouse hole to catch his dinner.
<b>Structural Ingenuity</b>	Hellenic Community Scotiabank	Hustling for Cans	A stack of billiard balls defies gravity.
<b>Best Meal</b>	Bosa Properties Inc. Durante Kreuk Landscape Architects Bunt & Associates	We CAN Dump Hunger	This dump truck delivers a payload of nutrition.
<b>Best Use of Labels</b>	Kodak	Hunger Folds	With 2 aces in your hand, you can beat hunger.
<b>Honourable Mention</b>	Creative Spirit Cascades	CASH for Cans	This tribute to Johnny Cash features the original Man in Black.
<b>Honourable Mention</b>	Richmond Centre Opacity Design Group Ltd. New Image Studios Brainstorm Consulting Group Richmond Chamber of Commerce	The CAN-ihilator: Driven to Crush Hunger	This monster truck crushes hunger under its impressive wheels.

Winners in the National categories will be entered in the Annual National Canstruction® Awards which will be held in Los Angeles in June 2006. Sculptures compete in their same category against 50 other Canstruction cities in North America. (Slides are submitted.)

LOCAL AWARD CATEGORIES			
These are given in a variety of categories, specific to the Vancouver event			
<b>AIBC Architects Choice</b>	Walter Francl Architect Brook Development Planning Jameson Development	CAN-tini	These martini glasses and shaker are ready for adult playtime!
<b>Can-Do Award</b>	Levelton Consultants Ltd	Pirates of the Canibbean	This pirate ship has just landed on a desert island.
<b>Best Rookie Team</b>	Frank Hurt Secondary	Spamlet	All the world is a stage.
<b>Best Theme</b>	Electronic Arts (Canada) Inc.	Life is a merry-go-round	Jump on the carousel, and take a spin.
<b>Schools Honourable Mention</b>	Maywood Community School, Burnaby	R2D2	This Star Wars character is a reliable and helpful friend.
<b>Schools CAN-do</b>	New Westminster High School	West Min Tin Tin	New West's landmark toy soldier visits Canada Place.

Canstruction Vancouver 2006 awards were chosen by a panel of judges including:

**Michael Geller**, MAIBC, President & CEO, Simon Fraser Community Trust

**Patrick Stewart**, MAIBC, President, Architecture Institute of BC

**J.F. (Barry) McCormack** P. Eng, Port Vancouver

**Rene McKnight**, Vancouver Sun, Editor, Westcoast Life

**Lesley Stowe**, Chef & Entrepreneur, Lesley Stowe Fine Foods

The public will have a chance to pick their favourite for the People's Choice Award this week—the exhibit is open to the public daily through March 12th from 10:00 – 6:00pm  
Admission is by donation to the food bank (cash or non-perishable goods).

### Quick Facts about Canstruction®2006

- The 2006 theme is "Playtime"
- 23 teams participated—made up of 41 companies, representing a wide range of disciplines including architects, graphic designers, video game engineers, designers, construction companies and corporations.

- All teams must provide their own food for their sculpture. The biggest sculpture has 9,580 cans, the smallest 1,300.
- 100,000 cans of food were used to create the 23 designs on display
- “Lock Out Hunger” CANschool is an interactive building area where kids visiting the exhibit can build their own mini-canstructions using donated food. Sponsored by Weiser Lock.
- Canstruction Vancouver has raised more than 455,000 cans for local food banks since the inaugural year in 2003.

### **About Canstruction®**

Canstruction® Vancouver is the local chapter of Canstruction®, a global anti-hunger project, founded by the Society for Design Administration, an affiliate of the American Institute of Architects. For the past 14 years, this trademarked event is held in more than 50 cities across North America. Canstruction in Canada is growing with Calgary, Kelowna and Halifax recently creating their first Canstruction events. For more information see: [www.canstruction.com](http://www.canstruction.com) or [www.canstructionvancouver.com](http://www.canstructionvancouver.com)

### **About the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society (GVFBS)**

GVFBS provides food and related assistance through 18 distribution centres and over 100 meal-providing agencies in Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister, and the North Shore. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the warehouse, local supermarkets, firehalls, or by arrangement with Food Runners. For more information: [www.foodbank.bc.ca](http://www.foodbank.bc.ca)

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