

Chicago's 14th annual design and build competition goes virtual Proceeds benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository

WHO:

Canstruction Chicago's 14th annual design competition benefiting the Greater Chicago Food Depository will culminate Thursday evening with the Virtual ChicagoCAN Awards Ceremony. Twelve teams from local Chicago architecture, engineering and construction firms will participate to help give back to the community. For the safety of our teams, staff and volunteers, the Food Depository and the Canstruction Committee decided to host a virtual event this year.

This year's presenting sponsors are Groupon and Pret. Capstone sponsors are theMART and Brizo & Delta.

WHAT:

Traditionally, this unique competition allows teams to use their design skills to create incredible structures using canned goods all while fighting hunger in Chicago. This year, as a result of the ongoing pandemic, teams have created vibrant and whimsical digital designs that will be judged based upon their renderings. Last year, Canstruction Chicago, the Food Depository's largest one-day food drive, collected over 150,000 pounds of canned goods. This year, all donations can be made online at canstructionchicago.org to benefit the Food Depository's network of hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and programs throughout Cook County.

WHEN:

Thursday, August 27, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. CST

WHERE:

Virtual ChicagoCAN Awards Ceremony Free registration online: <u>canstructionchicago.org</u>

2020 PARTICIPATING TEAMS

AECOM / AECOM Hunt Bailey Edward Design ECS / Eriksson Engineering / FitzGerald / Moen / Power Construction Executive Construction, Inc. / Environmental Systems Design, Inc. / IA Interior Architects EXP GREC Architects Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. / McShane Construction / Ware Malcomb Leopardo / OKW Architects / MILHOUSE / Milhouse Charities Sheehan Nagle Hartray Architects SmithGroup theMART / Fitzgerald Architecture Planning Design / Republic Services Valerio Dewalt Train Associates / Lendlease / Salas O'Brien

ABOUT THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, believes a healthy community starts with food. We are at the center of a network of more than 700 partner organizations and programs – food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile distributions and other partners – working to bring food, dignity and hope to our neighbors across Chicago and Cook County. The Food Depository addresses the root causes of hunger with job training, advocacy and other innovative solutions. We are a proud member of Feeding America – the national network of food banks. By working to help those most in need go from hungry to hopeful, we truly become a Greater Chicago. Learn more at chicagosfoodbank.org