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CANstruction International Announces 2025 International Award Winners

GEORGETOWN, Ohio — June 1, 2026 — CANSTRUCTION® International is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 International Awards, recognizing outstanding creativity, engineering, design, and community impact from participating teams across North America.

From dragons and dinosaurs to video game icons and messages of hope, this year's winning CANSTRUCTION® entries demonstrated how creativity, engineering, and community service can come together to fight hunger. Selected from award-winning projects representing CANSTRUCTION® competitions across North America, these CANSCULPTURE® creations showcase the power of design to inspire communities while supporting local hunger relief efforts.

"Each year, I am amazed by the creativity, passion, and generosity demonstrated by CANSTRUCTION® teams across North America," said Stephanie Kirschner, Executive Director, CANstruction International. "These award-winning CANSCULPTURE® creations represent far more than impressive design and engineering. They tell stories, inspire communities, and most importantly, help provide food and hope to individuals and families facing food insecurity. We are proud to recognize these outstanding teams and grateful to every city, volunteer, sponsor, and food bank partner who helps make CANSTRUCTION®'s mission possible."

2025 International Most Cans Award

Houston CAN Weather Any Storm

Designed and Built By: AECOM

Houston, Texas

Collecting an impressive 17,400 cans, *Houston CAN Weather Any Storm* earned the 2025 International Most Cans Award. Reimagining Houston's iconic skyline submerged beneath a sea of water bottles, the structure transformed one of the city's greatest challenges into a powerful symbol of resilience and hope. Reflecting Houston's ongoing experience with floods, hurricanes, and climate change, the design demonstrated how communities can transform adversity into action. Through an extraordinary food donation and a message of perseverance, the project celebrated Houston's enduring ability to rebuild, adapt, and weather any storm—together.



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2025 International Structural Ingenuity Award

TRYceraSTOPS Hunger

Designed and Built By: DeSimone Consulting Engineering
New York, New York

Winner of the 2025 International Structural Ingenuity Award, *TRYceraSTOPS Hunger* combined impressive engineering with a powerful message about community action. The towering Triceratops-inspired structure symbolized the idea that fighting food insecurity requires creativity, compassion, and people working together toward a common goal.

2025 International Best Use of Labels Award

Nature's Bounty: Feeding Our Future

Designed and Built By: Q4 Architects Inc.
Toronto, Ontario

Winner of the 2025 International Best Use of Labels Award, *Nature's Bounty: Feeding Our Future* transformed thousands of food cans into a breathtaking Canadian landscape featuring snow-capped mountains, lush valleys, and the iconic Canadian flag while drawing attention to food insecurity and the importance of sharing resources with those in need.

2025 International Best Meal Award

Surf's Up, Hunger's Down

Designed and Built By: Champlin Architecture | EOP Architecture + Interiors
Cincinnati, Ohio

Inspired by Disney's Lilo & Stitch, *Surf's Up, Hunger's Down* earned the 2025 International Best Meal Award by combining creativity, storytelling, and nutritional impact. The structure celebrated the message that 'Ohana means family' and that no one should be left behind or forgotten.

2025 International Best Original Design Award

CAN You Train Your Dragon

Designed and Built By: McCarthy Building Companies
Orange County, California

Winner of the 2025 International Best Original Design Award, *CAN You Train Your Dragon* brought the beloved DreamWorks character Toothless to life in remarkable detail, creating a striking larger-than-life CANSCULPTURE® that demonstrated the innovative spirit that defines CANSTRUCTION®.

2025 International People's Choice Award

Donkey Kong-struction

Designed and Built By: The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
Greater Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania



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Winner of the 2025 International People's Choice Award, *Donkey Kong-struction* captured the imagination of audiences through a creative tribute to one of the most iconic characters in video game history. After first earning People's Choice recognition in its local competition, the project was selected by the International Jury from among the local People's Choice winners submitted by participating CANSTRUCTION® cities.

About CANstruction

CANSTRUCTION® is a global nonprofit organization that combines the power of design, engineering, construction, and community service to fight hunger. Through annual citywide competitions, teams create large-scale CANSCULPTURE® installations made entirely from canned food and other shelf-stable products, demonstrating creativity while raising awareness about food insecurity.

Following exhibition, the food used in the structures is donated to local hunger relief organizations, helping provide meals and support to individuals and families in need. By transforming food into art and art into action, CANSTRUCTION® inspires communities to work together in support of the shared mission of ending hunger.

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