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Lighthouse Center for the Arts Hosts Second Annual CANSTRUCTION Design Competition to Fight Local Hunger

Tequesta -- (August 26, 2009) The design competition CANstruction returns to The Gallery @ The Lighthouse Center for the Arts in its second exhibit to ease hunger. Sculpture created entirely from canned food transforms tin cans into art forms in this national contest. The public is invited to the free opening reception on Tuesday, September 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. sponsored by The Kitchen Strand, a premiere South Florida kitchen and bath design firm located in Hobe Sound. Local contestant teams of architects, engineers and design professionals will be in the gallery to share stories about their inspired works from concept to creation.

"The designs created in last fall's CANstruction competition were wonderful," said Sonya Davis, Lighthouse Center for the Arts Executive Director. "This year you can expect to see more teams and more innovative sculptures that play on themes: *The Cantheon* – for Rome's famous Pantheon; a reproduction of Andy Warhol's *100 Cans*; and the locally inspired structures *Fantasy Fish* and *Sea Turtle* for example." These works will only be seen at LCA, as they host the only South Florida competition of the one hundred contests nationwide. CANstruction is sanctioned by the Society for Design Administration and local winners will be entered into the 2009 national competition. Since the event's establishment in 1992, ten million pounds of food have been donated to food banks to fight hunger.

"This contest is a true community effort with all involved donating their time, talents or resources," stated Davis. Local individuals, groups and professional design teams such as Village Architects, Simmons and White, and GS&P Architects partnered with community support organizations like Publix Supermarkets, Whole Foods Supermarkets, Wells Fargo and many other public and private donors to supply the canned food. A complete list of sponsors is available at www.lighthousearts.org.

The resulting CANstruction sculpture exhibition will be on display for public view September 14 through November 5. The culmination of the show is the local awards ceremony taking place the last evening, Tuesday, November 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to the opening reception, during the exhibition, and during the awards ceremony. At the exhibit's close, all food cans are donated to local food banks for distribution to emergency centers, pantries, soup kitchens and to elder and day care centers.

Also accompanying CANstruction are two photographic documentaries: *Palm Beach: One County, Two Worlds*, teen Allison Parssi's depiction of disparity between county sites Belle Glade and Palm Beach; and Lighthouse Camera Club's *Food 4 Thought, Access in Excess*, a study of easy access to excess food in our culture. Club members and Parssi will attend the September 15th opening reception.

For more information on CANstruction, visit www.canstruction.org. The Gallery @ The Lighthouse Center for the Arts is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL, ½ mile west of US Hwy 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 561.746.3101 or visit online at www.lighthousearts.org.

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