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SpawGlass participates in Construction to benefit food bank

Austin, Texas – The architectural firm of Graeber, Simmons & Cowan (GS&C), the engineering firm of Jaster-Quintanilla (JQ), and the construction firm of SpawGlass formed a true AEC team to compete in Canstruction, a charity committed to ending hunger using “one can” as a catalyst for change. The competition challenges industry teams to design and build a structure made of canned food. The Austin event benefited the Capital Area Food Bank.

Weeks of planning and design culminated in the actual competition, held November 8 at Barton Creek Square Mall. The teams had eight hours to complete their structures. Thanks to careful coordination and practice, the SpawGlass, GS&C and JQ team completed its “AEC and the Temple of Food” structure in just under six hours. The structure, built in the shape of a Mayan pyramid, represents a well-balanced food pyramid of fruits, vegetables, soups and protein, using more than 5,300 cans of food.

The Temple of Food won the award for “Best Use of Labels” but the team was most proud that its structure used more cans of food than any of the others. After remaining on display in the mall for one week, the structures will be dismantled and all of the food will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. The event will provide more than 14 tons of food for those in need in Central Texas.

In addition to SpawGlass, GS&C and JQ, the following companies sponsored the “AEC and the Temple of Food” project: H-E-B, Schmidt Electric Company, Goetting & Associates, Combs Consulting Group, Dynamic Reprographics, Paul-Koehler-Brown, Energy Engineering Associates, Fugro, KST Electric and CAD Supplies Specialty. Thanks to their generous donations, the team will be presenting the Capital Area Food Bank with a check in addition to the cans of food.

The local Canstruction event was sponsored by AIA Austin, Society for Design Administration, KNVA/CW Austin, Barton Creek Square Mall and the Capital Area Food Bank.

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