

Disney VoluntEARS Give Out-of-this-World Effort in ‘CANstruction’ of Toy Story Land-inspired sculpture to Benefit Second Harvest Food Bank

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Oct. 16, 2018 – In a quest to inspire the Central Florida community to reach to infinity and beyond in helping those in need, Disney VoluntEARS created a larger-than-life sculpture of an iconic attraction in Toy Story Land at Disney’s Hollywood Studios using more than 5,000 canned food items.

Their out-of-this-world creation is part of CANstruction Orlando, an annual competition hosted by Central Florida’s architectural and engineering community, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Disney VoluntEARS drew some extraterrestrial inspiration from Toy Story Land at Disney’s Hollywood Studios to bring their alien CANstruction to life.

“If you’ve blasted off on Alien Swirling Saucers at Toy Story Land or know these little green aliens from the Disney/Pixar ‘Toy Story’ films, this creation shows the difference that ‘CAN’ be made for our neighbors,” said Mike Piatek, director of architecture and facilities engineering for Walt Disney World Resort. “As Disney architects and engineers, we love building things that create happiness. Hopefully our CANstruction sculpture will bring others some joy and inspire them to help the community too.”

Organizations throughout the community banded with Disney in this year’s event. These CANTastic food sculptures will be on display through Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Orlando Science Center. After the competition, the nonperishable food is donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.

“Events like CANstruction generate awareness and make a positive impact for the individuals we serve throughout Central Florida, and for this support we are eternally grateful,” said Dave Krepcho, President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. “The passion of Disney Cast Members and representatives of other groups educates, inspires and engages the entire community in creative ways to help us reach our vision of ending hunger.”

Walt Disney World Resort and its Cast Members have supported Second Harvest Food Bank for the past 26 years, including distributing unused, prepared food from restaurants and conventions through the Disney Harvest Program. Since 2012, Disney VoluntEARS have donated some 45,000 food items through the annual CANstruction Orlando events.

###