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Dear Community Friend:

Once again, Food Link, Inc. and Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) are partnering together to bring to Maryland Canstruction®, a spectacular, national community service project benefiting hunger relief efforts. Architecture students from AACC will design and create structures made entirely of canned foods that at the conclusion of the competition will be donated to Food Link of Anne Arundel County for distribution to local emergency food programs.

The AACC Architecture program is committed to engaging students in activities that will enhance learning and prepare students to transfer to a university or placement in the work force. Canstruction® is a unique opportunity for architecture students to have a hands-on experience in building something they've designed as students. Our Canstruction® event is one of only a few in the country that is completely designed and built by students and we are proud to have been recognized as an honorable mention in the 2005 national competition.

We hope you will join the Maryland Canstruction® team this year. To achieve our goal to enhance student learning and bring awareness to the issue of hunger in our community, we need to raise approximately \$30,000 to build six structures. The tentative timeframe is the first week in December for the builds to occur in a public space as it has been in the last three years. The structures will be on display for one week and we anticipate expanded media coverage this year. The good news is if we are able to reach our fundraising goal, we will be able to donate approximately 25,000 cans or approximately 32,000 pounds of food to those in need. In order to reach our goal, we are seeking community partners to adopt and fund one of the six structures at \$5,000 each. Feel free to create/build your own team of colleagues and businesses to sponsor a structure. AACC will publicly show its gratitude at the build site so that your generosity is fully appreciated by the community.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation (sponsorship) to Food Link, Inc., a Maryland 501©3 nonprofit charity. Your generous contribution will provide funds needed to complete the building projects for display and competition. We require guaranteed sponsorships so we can ensure that this event will occur for our students' sake. Your company's name will be prominently displayed with the can structures. Please help fight hunger in Anne Arundel County with your donation to this Canstruction® event.

To learn more about Canstruction®, go to www.canstruction.org. To learn more about the architecture program at AACC, go to www.aacc.edu/architecture. To learn more about Food Link, please refer to our website, www.foodlinkmaryland.org. For more information and a decision on your participation, please call us at 410-222-7853.

To give you a better idea of what an awesome event this is, attached you will find pictures of the 2005 and 2006 structures. We would be honored to have your support. Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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Chair AACC Architecture Department