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Sonoma ReCANstruction – Charity art competition to end hunger will take place February 24th, 2018 at Coddington Mall in Santa Rosa

This sculpture won the People’s Choice award at a recent Canstruction event in Texas.

Santa Rosa, CA — February 22, 2018— The Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) will host Sonoma ReCANstruction, a unique art exhibition and competition taking place at Coddington Mall in Santa Rosa on Saturday, February 24th, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Sonoma ReCANstruction brings together local teams of architects, schools and businesses to help end hunger by building CANsculptures, structural works of art made entirely of canned food that will help nourish our neighbors in need. This Saturday, starting at 7:00 am, teams from Sonoma Country Day School, Midstate Construction in partnership with MKM Engineers and two ZFA Structural Engineer teams in collaboration with Wright Contracting, TLCD Architecture and Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, will begin building, the public can begin viewing the CANsculpture progress at 10:00 am. Judging begins at
1:00 pm, when friends, family and neighbors will join this year’s panel of local heroes: Santa Rosa Fire Chief, Tony Gossner, Volunteer Fire Chief, Mike Mikelson, and 13 year-old REFB Food Drive champion, Memphis Roetter, in awarding prizes to their favorite creations.

The CANsculptures will remain on display in the Coddington Mall lobby through March 2nd. The food from each structure will then be transferred to the REFB warehouse, providing vital support to their innovative hunger-relief programs which serve 82,000 children, families and seniors in Sonoma County.

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**About the Redwood Empire Food Bank:**
The Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization serving north coastal California from Sonoma County to the Oregon border. Since 1987, the REFB has provided food and nourishment to those facing hunger, currently serving 82,000 children, families and seniors in Sonoma County, while striving to end hunger in our community. The REFB collaborates with local and regional partners to obtain and distribute 15.5 million pounds of food annually, the equivalent of more than 35,000 meals every day. Through more than 200 of our own direct service distributions and partnerships with 170 other hunger-relief organizations, we form a network of over 450 weekly and monthly distribution sites serving low-income residents in Sonoma, Lake, Del Norte, Mendocino and Humboldt counties. Visit [www.refb.org](http://www.refb.org) or call 707-523-7900 to learn more.