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Middletown Firm collects over 15,500 Food Donations to Win the Salvation Army's Architects and Engineers Can Challenge

MIDDLETOWN – Consulting Engineering Services (CES) does it again and takes top prize in The Salvation Army's annual Architects and Engineers Can Challenge contest. CES employees collected over 15,500 food items, about 2,500 more than last year. The contest begins after Thanksgiving and ends the third week of December each year.

This year CES employees came together and donated 15,674 food items! When you see these results piled high in front of the building at 811 Middle Street, it's no wonder that CES is number one every year!

CES holds an internal competition that includes all four office location. Employees are broken into teams, plan their strategies, and then the shopping begins and the challenge is on! The winner is determined by dividing the amount of cans and cash collected by the number of employees. "There is a rivalry amongst the teams to see which group can collect the most food and ultimately help the most people. We have teamed up with the Salvation Army for years and we are happy to be able to help people that are in need, particularly at this time of the year. We also like to win the office Can Challenge trophy which we now consider to part of the office décor" said George Keithan, Jr., President and CEO of CES.

CES has participated in the program since 1997. Records show that over 110,000 cans and approximately \$15,000 have been collected by CES employees during this time. George Keithan, Jr, said, "We have a great time at CES collecting cans for the community and competing internally for the coveted "First Can Prize." We feel it is just a small contribution to The Salvation Army, who does so much for our community."



Consulting Engineering Services is a 90 person firm with offices in CT, MA, FL and NYC, that specializes in mechanical, electrical, fire protection and plumbing engineering services for analysis, design, and construction administration. We also offer services such as technology and security design, communications solutions and systems commissioning. As a leader in sustainable building systems design, all of our design professionals focus on implementing energy saving designs on each of our residential and commercial projects.

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