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## GINGERBREAD WHITE HOUSE CONTEST AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (December 3, 2007) – This holiday season the National Constitution Center encourages families to join in the spirit of the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibit by entering the Center’s first Gingerbread White House contest, as a part of the “White House Winter Wonderland” celebration. Each year, White House pastry chefs display a decadent Gingerbread White House in the State Dining Room to celebrate the winter season. This year, the Center is inviting children to show off their talents and create their own version of this White House tradition. Contest entry is free, but registration is required by Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. by contacting Francesca Latrano at 215.409.6647 or [marketing@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:marketing@constitutioncenter.org). Registration must include the participant’s full name, age, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Children up to 14 years of age can participate in this contest. All items used to make the gingerbread houses must be edible. Entries must be delivered to the National Constitution Center during regular museum hours between Friday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 26 (excluding Christmas day). All entries will be on display on the Grand Hall Overlook from Wednesday, December 26 through Monday, December 31. During this time, visitors will submit their votes on the best Gingerbread White House. The votes will then be tallied to determine the winner.

All entrants must be available to attend the contest winner ceremony on Monday, December 31 at 10:00 a.m. The winner will receive a ribbon to commemorate the victory and a VIP Skate Party for 25 guests, courtesy of the Blue Cross RiverRink.

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## ADD ONE/GINGERBREAD WHITE HOUSE CONTEST

Through December 31, 2007 the National Constitution Center is hosting *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image*. The exhibition features more than two centuries of elegant inaugural and evening gowns, clothing and jewelry, White House furnishings and china, photographs and portraits, and campaign and personal memorabilia. It examines the demanding duties of the presidential partner and national hostess, explores how her role has evolved from ceremonial colleague to one of international celebrity and recognized political power, and illustrates the importance of the first lady's public image to the success of a presidential administration.

Admission to *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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