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WACHOVIA FOUNDATION GRANT TAKES PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL CHILDREN TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

PHILADELPIA, PA (April 8, 2009) – Wachovia Foundation, a Wells Fargo company, today announced a \$50,000 grant to the National Constitution Center for their Young Citizens Scholarship program. Through Young Citizens Scholarships, underserved students are able to take class trips to the National Constitution Center free of charge.

“We are pleased to be able to partner with the National Constitution Center on a program that benefits Philadelphia school children by providing access to this world-class institution,” said Vincent Liuzzi, Wachovia’s Regional President for Greater Philadelphia/Delaware. “Their Young Citizens Scholarship program helps address the achievement gap that can affect students in schools struggling with resources. We’re excited that our grant will enable 2,000 students to experience this great organization and hopefully bring the Constitution alive for every one of them. “

“Support from corporate citizens like Wachovia helps us carry out our mission, which helps ensure the next generation of Americans will remain strong guardians of democracy,” said Linda E. Johnson, National Constitution Center President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are grateful to the Wachovia Foundation for their generous support of the Young Citizens Scholarship program.”

Since opening in 2003, the National Constitution Center has welcomed more than one million school children from schools in the region and across the nation. Through Young Citizens Scholarships, 15% of these groups have come at no expense. The Center

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offers Young Citizens Scholarships to Title I schools to increase accessibility to the institution and ensure that no student misses a chance to experience the Center's state-of-the-art, interactive learning that leads to a deeper civic understanding.

About the Wachovia Foundation

The Wachovia Foundation is a private foundation that provides grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support four primary focus areas: Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture. The mission of the Wachovia Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference.

About the National Constitution Center

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. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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