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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Philadelphia, PA (March 12, 2008) –The National Constitution Center announced today that it has received a \$1 million grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to enhance its overall educational offerings, such as programming opportunities in the Center’s Family Theater. In recognition of Bank of America and its generous financial support, the Center’s Family Theater has been named the **Bank of America Family Theater**. This announcement is being made in conjunction with the spring reopening of *Living News*, an interactive theater performance that will take place in the newly named theater.

“We are delighted to have the support of Bank of America and to be recognized by this important company as a key institution in Philadelphia,” said Joseph M. Torsella, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. “As a result of this generous act of corporate citizenship, teachers in the Philadelphia region and across the country will be able to present the habits of active citizenship to their students in inspiring and innovative ways. The Center will be able to extend the interactive, experiential civic education that takes place in the Bank of America Family Theater to an even greater number of people.”

“The National Constitution Center reflects our nation’s pride and heritage, and is a critical asset for the civic education of all Americans,” said Kenneth D. Lewis, Chairman and CEO, Bank of America. “Philadelphia is one of Bank of America’s most important markets, and we are pleased and honored to announce this grant, which will help the museum expand its mission and outreach to an even wider audience in Philadelphia and across the country.”

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Living News is the first of the Center's educational productions to be staged in the Bank of America Family Theater. *Living News* presents student groups in grades 7 through 12 with current constitutional issues in the media that have a direct impact on their everyday lives, and helps them understand that their voices matter. The spring reopening of *Living News* was on March 10, 2008, and the production will continue through June 13, 2008. The show runs Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$14 per person, and admission to the Center's main exhibition is included. Reservations are required at 215.409.6800.

To expand the Center's current programming, the Bank of America Family Theater will be home to an array of programs like *Living News* that are designed to educate students in grades 7 through 12 about the Constitution, its amendments, and current constitutional issues to emphasize the importance of active citizenship and civic responsibility. The grant will provide for the production of additional educational theater performances, the development of curriculum materials, and the maintenance of the theater.

About Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy

Building on a long-standing tradition of investing in the communities it serves, Bank of America is in its fourth year of achieving an unprecedented 10-year goal to donate \$1.5 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the health and vitality of their neighborhoods. Funded by Bank of America, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will give more than \$225 million in 2008, making the bank the most generous financial institution in the world and the second largest donor of all U.S. corporations in cash contributions. Bank of America approaches giving through a national strategy called "neighborhood excellence" under which it works with local leaders to identify and meet the most pressing needs of individual communities. Through Team Bank of America, bank associate volunteers contributed more than 650,000 hours in 2007 to enhance the quality of life in their communities nationwide. For more information about Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy, please visit www.bankofamerica.com/foundation.

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

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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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