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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL GINGERBREAD WHITE HOUSE CONTEST

Philadelphia, PA (December 3, 2009) – This holiday season, families are invited to participate in the National Constitution Center's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gingerbread White House Contest. Each year, White House pastry chefs display an ornate Gingerbread White House in the State Dining Room; the Center invites children to create their own version of this White House tradition. Homemade entries should resemble the White House, or a section of it, such as the Rose Garden or Oval Office. In conjunction with the *Diana: A Celebration* exhibition, participants can choose to submit a gingerbread replica of Buckingham Palace instead. Contest entry is free, but registration is required by Monday, December 14 by contacting Francesca Reynolds 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 ages 14 and under 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 on Monday, December 21. All entries will be on display in the Grand Hall Lobby from Monday, December 21 through Monday, December 28. During this time, visitors to the Center will submit their votes on the best gingerbread house. The votes will then be tallied by the National Constitution Center staff and the winner will receive a VIP Skate Party for up to 10 guests at the Blue Cross River Rink, to be presented on Monday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m. All entrants must be available to attend the award ceremony.

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Through December 31, 2009, the National Constitution Center is hosting the international traveling exhibition, *Diana: A Celebration*, providing an opportunity for visitors to learn more about the life and work of the Princess of Wales. The exhibition is on loan from the Althorp Estate, the Spencer Family's 500-year-old ancestral home in England.

Admission to *Diana: A Celebration* is \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$15 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. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

*Diana: A Celebration* is produced by Arts and Exhibitions International, in association with the Althorp Estate, Cultural Networks International Inc. The exhibition is presented locally by Macy's, and CBS 3 and The CW Philly are the official media partners. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

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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