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**MACY'S AND MERCK TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY DAYS  
FOR *AMERICA I AM: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN IMPRINT* EXHIBITION  
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

***Free Admission for First 1,000 Visitors on Feb. 2 and 23***

Philadelphia, PA – Macy's and Merck Pharmaceutical will sponsor two Community Days during the run of the ***America I AM: The African American Imprint*** exhibition, which will make its world debut on January 15, 2009 at the National Constitution Center.

In honor of Black History Month, Macy's will provide free admission to the ***America I AM*** exhibition, as well as *The Story of We the People*, the Center's main exhibition, for the first 1,000 visitors to the Constitution Center on Monday, February 2, 2009. Merck will provide the same support in the form of free admissions on Monday, February 23, 2009.

"We are delighted that Macy's and Merck are providing free admission during these special Community Days," says National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella. "With their support, we are able to present this important exhibition to an even wider audience."

Corporations interested in supporting the Community Days program may contact Aileen Kain at [akain@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:akain@constitutioncenter.org) or 215.409.6894.

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From January 15 through May 3, 2009, the National Constitution Center will host the world debut of **America I AM: *The African American Imprint***, celebrating nearly 500 years of African American contributions to this country. The exhibition will present a historical continuum of pivotal moments in courage, conviction, and creativity that solidifies the undeniable imprint of African Americans across the nation and around the world.

Featuring more than 200 artifacts culled from every period of U.S. history, the exhibit will include objects, texts, religion, music, narration, and media. An interactive component of the exhibition will allow visitors to leave their own video "imprints," and this collection will grow throughout the life of the exhibition with the potential to become the largest recorded oral history project in U.S. history.

Admission to **America I AM** is \$17.50 for adults, \$15.50 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. 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. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. There is no upcharge for school groups to tour **America I AM**. iPod audio tours are also available and cost \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The exhibition is developed in partnership with Tavis Smiley, and organized by Cincinnati Museum Center and Arts and Exhibitions International (AEI). **America I AM** is made possible by Walmart Stores, Inc., which serves as its presenting sponsor. The exhibition is sponsored by Northern Trust and is presented locally by Coca-Cola. CBS 3 is the official media partner for the Center's showing of **America I AM**.

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

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## ADD TWO/COMMUNITY DAYS

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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