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### **ANNUAL GINGERBREAD WHITE HOUSE CONTEST AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (December 1, 2008) – Nothing brings holiday cheer like a homemade gingerbread house! This holiday season, families are invited to participate in the National Constitution Center's Annual Gingerbread White House Contest. Each year, White House pastry chefs display an ornate Gingerbread White House in the State Dining Room to celebrate the winter season. The Center is inviting children to show off their talents and 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. Contest entry is free, but registration is required by Friday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. 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 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 on Monday, December 22. All entries will be on display in the lobby from Monday, December 22 through Monday, December 29. During this time, visitors to the Center 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 29 at 10:00 a.m. The winner will receive a bowling party at North Bowl to celebrate the victory.

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In addition, on Friday, December 26 and Saturday, December 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., visitors can decorate pre-made sugar cookies with all the fixings, including gumdrops, peppermint, icing, and more. This activity will take place in Posterity Hall and is free with the purchase of museum admission. *Note: This activity is only while supplies last and for children ages 10 and under only.*

On Saturday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m., visitors can also join the Moshulu's Executive Pastry Chef, Ernie Rich, as he demonstrates how to create a gorgeous gingerbread house for the holiday season. Chef Rich will reveal gingerbread-making secrets and will unveil his own Gingerbread White House, which will be on display in the lobby from Saturday, December 27 through Wednesday, December 31. Kids won't need to worry, as his house is not part of the contest!

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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