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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR 2008 LIBERTY MEDAL

Philadelphia, PA – The National Constitution Center announces that **Ira Lubert of Independence Capital Partners, Steve Steinour of CrossHarbor Capital, and Dan Fitzpatrick of Citizens Bank** will serve as co-chairs of the 2008 Liberty Medal. Independence Capital Partners will underwrite the \$100,000 cash prize awarded to the Liberty Medal recipient, former Soviet leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev. Citizens Bank will serve as the President's Reception Sponsor, and **Dorrance H. Hamilton of the Dorrance H. Hamilton Charitable Lead Trust** will provide support for the ceremony.

"We are honored to have the support of these highly respected organizations," said National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella. "Their contributions truly enable us to heighten the impact of the Liberty Medal and reach an even wider audience as we share the stories of those who have changed history in the pursuit of liberty."

About the Liberty Medal

The National Constitution Center's 2008 Liberty Medal will be awarded to former Soviet leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev for his courageous role in ending the dangerous, decades-long Cold War and in giving hope and freedom to

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millions who lived behind the Iron Curtain. The public Liberty Medal ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the National Constitution Center in Historic Philadelphia, and will set the stage for international commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 2009.

The Liberty Medal ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS 3 on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. The CW Philly 57 will rebroadcast the ceremony that same evening at 10:00 p.m. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

Established in 1988 by We the People 200 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Liberty Medal annually honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty to people across the world.

The Liberty Medal is also supported by the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

About Independence Capital Partners

Independence Capital Partners (“ICP”) is a family of leading private equity funds comprising Lubert-Adler Real Estate, LLR Equity Partners, Quaker BioVentures, LEM Mezzanine Fund, Versa Capital Management, Inc., LBC Corporate Debt Fund, Rubenstein Partners and Patriot Capital Partners. ICP leverages support functions across the Member Firms to deliver highest quality services in the most cost effective manner with over \$11 billion under management.

About Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania

Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania is a state-chartered bank with dual headquarters in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It has approximately 400 branches and more than 690 ATMs throughout Pennsylvania. It also operates 15 retail branches and 37 ATMs in southern New Jersey and a commercial loan office in Virginia. It is a subsidiary of Citizens Financial Group, Inc., a \$161 billion commercial bank holding company headquartered in Providence, R.I.

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Citizens Financial Group, through its subsidiaries, has more than 1,600 branches, 3,500 ATMs and 24,000 employees. CFG's two bank subsidiaries are RBS Citizens, N.A. and Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. They operate a 13-state branch network under the Citizens Bank brand in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, and the Charter One brand in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. CFG has non-branch retail and commercial offices in about 40 states. It is one of the 10 largest commercial banking companies in the United States ranked by assets and deposits. CFG is owned by RBS (The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc). CFG's Web site is citizensbank.com.

About the Dorrance H. Hamilton Charitable Lead Trust

The Hamilton Family Foundation is a small private family foundation that provides financial support primarily in the area of education - particularly literacy-based, educational projects in underserved Philadelphia area schools. Grants focus on the city of Philadelphia and the surrounding four counties of Chester, Camden, Montgomery, and Delaware. The Foundation considers applications for pre-school through high school enrichment projects, as well as academically based after-school, arts and culture, and summer programming. The Foundation was established by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton and their children to improve the lives of Philadelphia area children and youth and was incorporated in 1992.

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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.