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## **WEST PLAINS NATIVE MONICA CAWVEY DIRECTS LIBERTY MEDAL GALA AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER FOR PRESIDENTS GEORGE H.W. BUSH AND WILLIAM J. CLINTON**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (November 17, 2006) – On October 5, 2006, the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia presented Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton with the 2006 Liberty Medal for their humanitarian efforts through the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and Bush-Clinton Tsunami Fund. A black tie gala was held in the presidents' honor following the ceremony, under the direction of the Center's Vice President for Development, Monica Cawvey, a native of West Plains, Missouri.

Cawvey oversaw all preparations for the gala, which raised over \$1 million for the Center's educational mission. Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton spoke at the event, and rock superstar Jon Bon Jovi was presented with the City of Brotherly Love award by Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street.

As Vice President of Development for the Center, Cawvey oversees all fundraising efforts for the museum. She also continues to raise money for ongoing capital and endowment projects, as well as the Center's main and changing exhibits and programs.

Cawvey is a 1989 graduate of West Plains High School and the daughter of Harold and Ida Mae Cawvey of Moody. Cawvey holds a Master's degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She currently resides in Philadelphia.

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Established in 1988 by We the People 2000 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Liberty Medal annually honors an individual or an organization from anywhere in the world that has “demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance, or deprivation.”

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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The Center is also the home of the Liberty Medal award, presented annually as a lasting legacy to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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