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## **CELEBRATE *GROWING UP AMERICAN* DURING THANKSGIVING AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (November 3, 2006) – Growing up is hard to do, but it was even harder for kids in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries! Visitors to the National Constitution Center will learn what it was like for children in America throughout different time periods during the *Growing up American* event. This fun-filled program series will begin during Thanksgiving weekend on Friday, November 24, 2006 and run daily through Monday, January 1, 2007. This event is free and open to the public. Times may vary, so visitors should check the Center's daily public programming sheet for the schedule.

In order to learn what kids wore in previous centuries, children will have the opportunity to dress in period costumes in the Center's very own runway show in the Grand Hall Lobby! Also, kids will find out how often children bathed, what they did during the day, and what rights they had in the 1700s and 1800s.

Visitors can learn even more about life in America in the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, which tells our constitutional story from 1765 until today. From the award-winning multimedia theater show, "Freedom Rising", to the hundred-plus displays and interactive experiences, and the famous *Signers' Hall* with the statues of our Founders, the Constitution Center's main exhibition reminds us who we are as Americans. Museum admission is required for all exhibits.

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While their children are busy trying on costumes, parents visiting the National Constitution Center on Friday, November 24, 2006 can learn some creative ways to use their Thanksgiving leftovers. At 12:00 p.m., Chef Louis Chabot of Max and Me Catering, the National Constitution Center's exclusive caterer, will present a special free cooking demonstration in the lobby using one of his favorite recipes.

In addition to these activities, families can also join in the *Firefighter for a Day* event on Friday, November 24, 2006. The Philadelphia Fire Department will set up an informational booth with coloring books, giveaways, and fire safety tips for families. From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., kids can also tour a fire truck while firefighters explain how they were trained and how the truck works.

From September 8, 2006 through January 1, 2007 the National Constitution Center proudly presents *9/11: A Nation Remembers*, an original photography exhibition documenting how the American people responded to and remember the events of September 11th. This exhibition of 100 photographs by Jonathan Hyman inspires conversations about community, national identity, and how ordinary Americans have commemorated the day.

Admission to *9/11: A Nation Remembers* is free with regular museum admission of \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 215.409.6700 or online at [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

CBS 3 is the official media partner for the exhibition. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) is part of the CBS Television Stations division, one of the largest network-owned station groups. Philadelphia's first television station, CBS 3 has been providing news, information and entertainment to local viewers since 1932. The station is the home of the prestigious Eyewitness News brand, now synonymous with news coverage nationwide.

*9/11: A Nation Remembers* is proudly supported by the City of Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments.

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ADD TWO/THANKSGIVING 2006

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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. 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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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