

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION

The National Constitution Center is America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, a nonpartisan nonprofit chartered by Congress in 1988 to "increase awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the American people."

Located on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, just steps from where the U.S. Constitution was drafted and signed, the National Constitution Center brings together people of all ages and perspectives to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution.

We aim to fulfill President George Washington's vision for a "national institution" dedicated to the "education of our youth in the science of government." Nothing could be more important, Washington argued, than the civic education of "the future guardians of liberties."

The need for civic-minded "guardians of liberties" is more obvious than ever. Across America, support for democratic principles is in decline, civil dialogue is increasingly polarized, and knowledge about the basic principles of the Constitution is startlingly low. One third of American college graduates cannot name a single branch of government, and one in 10 college graduates believes Judge Judy is a Supreme Court justice. Our nation needs a civic education intervention, and the National Constitution Center provides it.

At a time when debate about the Constitution is part of America's daily conversation, the National Constitution Center plays a unique role in elevating civil discourse and improving civic literacy. Our educational content is free of politics, ideologically balanced, and grounded in the best constitutional scholarship from diverse perspectives. This content has made the National Constitution Center America's most trusted resource for constitutional education.

As the **Museum of We the People** on Independence Mall, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits featuring rare documents and priceless artifacts, moving theater programs, and educational activities. Our exhibits feature some of the rarest and most inspiring documents from our nation's Founding, such as the **very first draft of the Constitution**, handwritten by Convention delegate James Wilson and one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. Our **Civil War and Reconstruction gallery** displays Frederick Douglass's inkwell, John Brown's pike, and rare copies of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms, including our online **Interactive Constitution**. As a **Headquarters for Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire citizens and engage all Americans in learning about the U.S. Constitution.

THE INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION

AMERICA'S LEADING PLATFORM FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

In September, 2015, the Constitution Center launched the online **Interactive Constitution**, which unites the leading liberal, conservative, and libertarian constitutional scholars in America to write essays exploring areas of agreement and disagreement on every clause in the Constitution. Since its launch, the *Interactive Constitution* has been visited by more than **21 million** different users, and it now serves as America's leading platform for nonpartisan constitutional education.

In September 2019, the Center will launch the ***Interactive Constitution: Classroom Edition***. The Classroom Edition will include dozens of educational videos, constitutional lesson plans, civil dialogue toolkits, and other multimedia teaching resources, including our podcast debates on current constitutional issues. Through an innovative partnership with the College Board, our First Amendment lesson plans will reach **up to 5 million Advanced Placement students**.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMBASSADORS

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

In 1787, delegates came from across the American colonies to Philadelphia to draft a new Constitution. Today, students come from across the country to the National Constitution Center to learn about the Constitution—and they leave inspired to spread constitutional light to others. They are our Constitutional Ambassadors. Through philanthropic support, our Constitutional Ambassadors initiative brings tens of thousands of students from under-resourced schools to the Center for constitutional education.

The Constitutional Ambassadors experience begins in the classroom before the students arrive; continues with a day-long educational experience at the Center, including live theater; and follows students back to their classrooms, where they can connect with other classrooms across America for crucial conversations on current constitutional issues, using our virtual **Classroom Exchanges**, which are hosted on the Center's pathbreaking online educational platform, the ***Interactive Constitution***.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM EXCHANGES

UNITING STUDENTS ACROSS AMERICA

Through our virtual **Classroom Exchanges**, classrooms across the country can connect with each other for online, real-time constitutional conversations using the Interactive Constitution. Our Classroom Exchange program matches classrooms from states such as Pennsylvania, Florida and Michigan to Georgia, Ohio, Arizona and New Jersey for moderated conversations about constitutional issues that affect students' lives. The exchanges are moderated by judges, lawyers, and master educators trained to help students learn and practice the habits of respectful civil dialogues. By creating a unique platform for uniting students of different perspectives, our Classroom Exchanges encourage civil dialogue and debate, increasing knowledge of the Constitution, cultivating the habits of civil dialogue, and helping to ensure the civic knowledge that the American Framers considered to be essential to preserving the future of the American Republic.

A NATIONAL FORUM FOR CIVIL DIALOGUE AND DEBATE

At a time when America is increasingly polarized, the Center provides a crucial and unique role in bringing thought leaders, students, and citizens of different perspectives to learn about and debate the meaning of the U.S. Constitution. Under the dynamic leadership of President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen**, a renowned constitutional scholar, the Center has become the leading forum for vigorous civil dialogue at our live ***America's Town Hall programs and debates*** in Philadelphia and across America. Through live events, video, blog posts, and our ***We the People and Live at America's Town Hall podcasts***—which have been downloaded more than **2 million** times in the last two years—the Center provide balanced debate on timely constitutional issues.

1787 SOCIETY

PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

As a private nonprofit institution devoted to nonpartisan teaching about the U.S. Constitution, the National Constitution Center relies on the generous support of our annual donors. Philanthropic support from individuals, corporations, and foundations helps us thrive as America's leading nonpartisan center for constitutional education and debate. Our **1787 Society**, named for the year the Constitutional Convention proposed the U.S. Constitution, recognizes our most dedicated annual supporters. Every year, 1787 Society members make it possible for the Center to educate millions of learners of all ages across the country.

1787 SOCIETY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

In recognition of their deep commitment to the Center's mission, all of our **1787 Society Members** enjoy core benefits such as:

- Exclusive communications from the National Constitution Center's President and CEO, Jeffrey Rosen
- Complimentary tickets to *America's Town Hall* events, hosted in Philadelphia and across the country
- Invitations to programs and events with scholars, thought leaders, journalists, and policy makers
- Complimentary admission to the National Constitution Center's exhibits for 2 adults and 4 children
- Public recognition for their support for the National Constitution Center in publications such as the annual report, programs for select events, on the Constitution Center's website, and elsewhere

1787 Society Members enjoy additional benefits at different giving levels, including but not limited to the benefits described below:

\$1,000 – PATRONS' CIRCLE

- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$2,500 – DELEGATES' CIRCLE

- Complimentary tickets to signature events
- 1 named chair in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$5,000 – SIGNERS' CIRCLE

- Complimentary tickets to signature events
- Lunch with President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen
- 2 named chairs in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$10,000 – PRESIDENTS' CIRCLE

- Complimentary tickets to select signature events, dinners, and receptions
- Invitations to author meet-and-greets, and dinner conversations with Jeffrey Rosen and other distinguished guests
- Lunch with President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen
- 2 named chairs in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$25,000 – DRAFTERS' CIRCLE

- Complimentary tickets to and premium seating at select signature events, dinners, and receptions
- Invitations to the annual Board of Trustees Dinner with distinguished guests including scholars, thought leaders, journalists, and policymakers
- Invitations to author meet-and-greets, and dinner conversations with Jeffrey Rosen and other distinguished guests
- Lunch with President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen
- 2 named chairs in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$50,000 – CONSTITUTION CIRCLE

- Complimentary tickets to and premium seating at select signature events, dinners, and receptions
- Invitations to the annual Board of Trustees Dinner with distinguished guests including scholars, thought leaders, journalists, and policymakers
- Invitations to author meet-and-greets, and dinner conversations with Jeffrey Rosen and other distinguished guests
- Dinner with President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen
- 2 named chairs in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

\$100,000 – LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

- Exclusive recognition and hospitality opportunities at signature events and throughout the year.
- Invitations to the annual Board of Trustees Dinner with distinguished guests including scholars, thought leaders, journalists, and policymakers
- Invitations to author meet-and-greets, and dinner conversations with Jeffrey Rosen and other distinguished guests
- Dinner with President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen
- 2 named chairs in the National Constitution Center's Sidney Kimmel Theater
- Private guided tour for 1787 Society Members and guests
- Core 1787 Society benefits (*see above*)

***Signature events include:** new exhibit and gallery openings; signature civic holiday celebrations such as Constitution Day; the Liberty Medal celebration; "Clerks at 100" centennial celebration; and other special events.

To learn more about giving opportunities and the associated benefits, please contact **REBECCA BOLDEN, Senior Director of Development** at **215.409.6741** or **rbolden@constitutioncenter.org**.

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