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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**SUGAR AND SPICE ON ICE! CELEBRATE  
“EVERYTHING THAT IS NICE” AT THE BLUE CROSS  
RIVERRINK**

Philadelphia, PA (January 27, 2009) - **A perfect treat to sweeten up your winter!** Sugar and Spice on Ice will take place on Sunday February 8 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Blue Cross RiverRink at Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard at Market Street.

Ice skaters and candy lovers will be treated to a special weekend that features sweets! Candy crafts and samples will delight the young and young at heart. Visitors will also have the opportunity to participate in interactive “Sweet Skills” games that will put their skills and love of sweets to the test. From chocolate chip cookie eating contests, to cupcake stacking and Chocolate guessing jars, there will be “sweet” fun for the whole family!

Just in time for Valentine's Day there will also be special edible candy crafts as guests will also have an opportunity to create conversation heart cards. Free Valentine's themed face painting and free Sweetheart photos and photo keepsakes will add to the excitement and offer something for everyone!

For those with a sweet tooth, there will be complimentary sweet **Peanut Chew** samples from **Just Born Candy, Inc.**, as tasty treats from **Zana Cakes**, along with some crunchy cookie samples from **Dave and Buster's**.

Local chefs from the **Hard Rock Philadelphia** and the **Chart House at Penn's Landing** will perform demonstrations of confections and various sweet treats with of course free samples for all who participate! Chef David Solow of **Hard Rock Philadelphia** will perform a twist on Philadelphia's favorite snack cake. Originally from Brooklyn New York, Chef Solow will create a **Tastykake Sundae** featuring three mini butter cream cakes on top of a scoop of Haagen-Daz

vanilla ice cream, smothered with his own butterscotch sauce and topped with homemade whip cream and butterscotch morsels.

Local Penn's Landing restaurant, the **Chart House** will also host a cooking demonstration along with a sampling of some of the famous desserts featured at their restaurant located on Columbus Boulevard at Penn's Landing. Featuring complimentary valet parking and the best riverview dining, the Chart House dessert menu highlights include an Original Mud Pie and a Hot Chocolate Lava Cake.

Local vendors including **Milleniyum Chocolates** and will have their sweet treasures available for sampling or to take home to a loved one.

After working off the "sugar rush" by ice skating on the Olympic size skating rink, visitor's can catch a few moments of a favorite SWEET film, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which will be broadcast on the giant video wall to keep within the theme of the weekend.

Sugar and Spice on Ice activities are free to the public. Skating admission is \$7.00 per person (skate rental is \$3.00) and are available during the delicious event from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Independence Blue Cross is the founding and presenting sponsor of the Blue Cross RiverRink. Other sponsors include: NBC 10 and the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation.

The Blue Cross RiverRink is located at Columbus Boulevard at Market Street. For more information on SUGAR AND SPICE ON ICE, skating times, lessons, birthday parties or private sessions, please call 215.925.RINK or visit [www.riverrink.com](http://www.riverrink.com).

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