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**OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE
IN LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS, WITH APRIL 10 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County,
Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice and Friends of the Lake Jackson Library;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Lake Jackson, Texas, April 7, 2008 – Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, announced today that the Company will celebrate the opening of its first store in Lake Jackson on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 104 Highway 332 East at the intersection of Abner Jackson Parkway and Walflower Street.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Office Depot Foundation will make \$500 contributions and donate a number of new children’s backpacks to three local non-profit organizations: Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice and Friends of the Lake Jackson Library. In addition, Mayor Bob Sipple and Sandra Shaw, President/CEO, Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Lake Jackson

According to Store Manager Ross Nolan, the new Lake Jackson store features Office Depot’s industry-leading M2 retail format. M2 offers customers the most enjoyable shopping experience in the industry – in a format that is intuitive, logical and designed specifically for the way people make purchase decisions.

Products are grouped in highly visible, strategically located “pods,” with core supplies at the outer perimeter of the store – signed for optimal visibility and easy purchase – and furniture and technology at the center – to better support consultative sales.

The new Office Depot store employs approximately 20 full- and part-time associates. It houses more than 7,500 technology, furniture and supply products as well as Design, Print and Ship services in 21,125 square feet of customer space.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 979-285-9844.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the April 10 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Fay Beard, CPO, Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County
- Sherwyn Moore, CAHA, Administrator, Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice
- Belinda Martinez, Business Office Manager, Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice
- Alice Royalty, President, Friends of the Lake Jackson Library

State Official:

- Wanna Cox, Legislative Aide representing State Senator Kyle Janek

Lake Jackson City Official:

- Mayor Bob Sipple

Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Sandra Shaw, President/CEO

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Nolan. “We are excited to open our new store in Lake Jackson and to assist these critically important non-profit organizations in their efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in this area.”

The backpack donations are part of the Office Depot Foundation National Backpack Program, through which it will donate 300,000 new backpacks this year to non-profit organizations and schools for distribution to deserving children throughout the United States and Canada. By the end of this year, Office Depot will have given away nearly 1.8 million backpacks since the program began in 2001.

About Office Depot

Every day, Office Depot is Taking Care of Business for millions of customers around the globe. For the local corner store as well as Fortune 500 companies, Office Depot provides products and services to its customers through more than 1,600 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.9 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$15.5 billion, and employs about 49,000 associates around the world. The Company provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company, and currently sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 43 countries.

Office Depot’s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP and is included in the S&P 500 Index. Additional press information can be found at <http://mediarelations.officedepot.com>. Details and images specific to Office Depot’s retail division are available at <http://mediarelations.officedepot.cc/m2>.

About the Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation that serves as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care, the Foundation strives to make a positive impact on many lives in many communities around the world. The Foundation supports a variety of programs that enhance the quality of life for children, strengthen communities, encourage local and global economic growth, and empower schools and non-profit organizations. It also provides support when disasters strike – doing what it can, not only to speed the process of rebuilding, but also to

mitigate the impact of future disasters. Visit www.officedepotfoundation.org for more information.

About Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County

For 36 years the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, a United Way Agency, has inspired and enabled all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Serving more than 5,000 young people through 12 facility-based sites and a variety of recreational and educational programs, the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County is the positive place for youth, ages 6 to 18, in the community.

About Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice

Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice cares for terminally ill patients and is the only Hospice that is locally operated by residents of Brazoria County. Hospice care emphasizes living each day as fully as possible by providing a strong supportive network that returns control to the patient and enables families to provide care at home. The revenue from the Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice Thrift Shop makes up the difference between the cost of patient care and the amount paid by Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance. The Thrift Shop also allows Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice to help those in the community that are in need after a fire, loss of job, or divorce by welcoming them to shop at no cost to set up a home again. The Helping Hands & Hearts Hospice Thrift Shop accepts donations of gently used items to support the community.

About Friends of the Lake Jackson Library

The Friends of the Lake Jackson Library is a volunteer-run non-profit organization that supports the library and its programs. The Friends help promote the library and a love of learning through donations, special events and educational programs.

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