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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE IN LANSDOWNE, MD., WITH APRIL 10 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to Maryland Food Bank, Baltimore Reads
and Marian House; Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Lansdowne, Md., 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 Lansdowne on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 3595 Washington Blvd., in the Lansdowne Station.

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: Maryland Food Bank, Baltimore Reads and Marian House. In addition, Michele Brown, Assistant to United States Senator Barbara Mikulski; Jerome Stephens, Baltimore Field Representative for United States Senator Benjamin Cardin; State Delegate Steven DeBoy; Joan M. Pratt, Controller for the City of Baltimore; and Christine Crawford, Vice President of the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Lansdowne

According to Store Manager Sang Lee, the new Lansdowne 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 20,602 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 410-247-0920.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Beth Benson, Chief Development Officer, Maryland Food Bank
- Shanna Yetman, Communications Manager, Maryland Food Bank
- Shirley Bigley LaMotte, CEO, Baltimore Reads
- Angela Dyson, Office Administrator, Baltimore Reads
- Katie Allston, Executive Director, Marian House
- Janet R. Adams, Director of Advancement, Marian House

Federal Official:

- Michele Brown, Assistant to United States Senator Barbara Mikulski
- Jerome Stephens, Baltimore Field Representative for United States Senator Benjamin Cardin
- Gary Decker, Community Outreach Specialist for United States Congressman John Sarbanes

State Official:

- Delegate Steven DeBoy
- Delegate Jimmy Malaone

Baltimore County Officials:

- Councilman Sam Moxley
- Councilman Brian Sheppard

Baltimore City Official:

- Joan M. Pratt, Controller

Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Christine Crawford, Vice President

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Lee. “We are excited to open our first store in Lansdowne 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 Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland Food Bank supplies food to hungry Marylanders by gathering excess and donated grocery products, and then distributing them to charitable food providers. The Maryland Food Bank has facilities in Baltimore and Salisbury comprising nearly 107,000 square feet of warehouse, refrigerator and freezer space. Now in its 29th year of operation, the Maryland Food Bank helps feed the 516,000 Marylanders living at or below the federal poverty level through its 1,000 network partners – soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters. The Maryland Food Bank is a Certified Affiliate of America's Second Harvest – the Nation's Food Bank Network and an honored recipient of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Award for Standards for Excellence in ethics and accountability in business.

About Baltimore Reads

Baltimore Reads improves the quality of life for educationally disadvantaged adults and families by providing training in basic reading, writing, mathematics and employment readiness skills. Baltimore Reads' staff also raises awareness of literacy needs through legislative and community involvement. The Ripken Adult Learning Center is the flagship program at Baltimore Reads, with 300 adults attending class last year in basic literacy and adult education, life skills, employability training and computer proficiency. Realizing that owning books and having access to books is a fundamental step on the road to literacy, Baltimore Reads collected more than 67,000 books in fiscal year 2007 and distributed them to 10 area public schools and other non-profit organizations.

About Marian House

The mission of Marian House is to empower women at risk and their children by providing them safe, orderly, loving homes, and by delivering the services they need to live healthy, stable and productive lives. The primary goals are to provide housing, identify and enhance skills and provide the resources that will enable its residents to attain economic and emotional independence and stability. On average, Marian House serves 100-120 women and 25-40 children each year.