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## **OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE IN ROSSFORD, OH, WITH FEBRUARY 14 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion,  
Beach House and Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc;  
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

**Rossford, OH, February 11, 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 Rossford on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 27171 Crossroads Parkway at the intersection of US 23.

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: Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion, Beach House and Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc. In addition, State Senator Mark Wagoner will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

### **About the New Office Depot Store in Rossford**

According to Store Manager Rick Sulzmann, the new Rossford 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 20,932 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 419-874-0222.

### **About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

Special guests scheduled to participate in the February 14 ribbon-cutting include:

**Non-Profit Organization Representatives:**

- Sara Perna, Program Director, Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion
- Jody Alexander, Executive Director, Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion
- Paula Lewis, Director, Beach House
- Barbara Grandowicz, Director of Food Resources and Operations, Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc.

**State Official:**

- State Senator Mark Wagoner

**Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce Representatives:**

- Amy Hoffman, Member Relations Manager
- Stacey Mallett, VP of Membership and Marketing

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Sulzmann. “We are excited to open our first store in Rossford 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 distributed 300,000 new backpacks last year to non-profit organizations and schools for distribution to deserving children throughout the United States and Canada. Office Depot has given away nearly 1.5 million backpacks since the program began in 2001.

**About Office Depot**

Office Depot provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company.

Incorporated in 1986 and headquartered in Delray Beach, Fla., Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$15.5 billion, and employs approximately 52,000 associates around the world. Currently, the Company sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 43 countries.

Office Depot is a leader in every distribution channel -- from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. As of September 29, 2007, Office Depot had 1,212 retail stores in North America and another 384 stores, either company-owned, licensed or franchised, in other parts of the world. Office Depot serves a wide range of customers through a dedicated sales force, telephone account managers, direct mail offerings, and multiple web sites. With \$4.8 billion in online sales during the last twelve months, the Company is also one of the world's largest e-commerce retailers.

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](http://www.officedepotfoundation.org) for more information.

**About Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion**

The YMCA of Greater Toledo is a non-profit organization that has been serving young people and families in the community for the past 142 years. The YMCA's mission, "to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all," is evident in its programs and services ranging from swimming lessons, child care, fitness, teen leadership development, youth and adult sports and camping. The Fort Meigs YMCA Center for Health Promotion is one of the YMCA's 14 branches in Greater Toledo, making it the 10<sup>th</sup> largest YMCA in the nation.

**About Beach House**

The mission of Beach House is to provide emergency shelter to homeless women and families. Whatever their individual circumstances, more than 600 people seeking shelter come through the doors of Beach House each year and over 35 percent are young children. Beach House maintains a 24-hour open door policy to provide temporary, emergency shelter to assist homeless women and families.

**About Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, Inc.**

Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is a non-profit organization established to enable other community organizations to end hunger. Over the past 23 years, the Food Bank has distributed over 63 million pounds of food and grocery products to assist those in need. Currently, TNWOFB serves a network of over 300 member agencies in an eight-county area, including Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Henry, Wood, Williams, Defiance and Fulton. Agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, non-profit day care centers, foster care associations, non-profit rehabilitation centers, group homes and programs for the elderly and children. Since 1985, the TNWOFB has been a member of America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

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