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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF TWO NEW STORES IN AURORA, COLO., WITH APRIL 9 AND APRIL 10 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES

*Events to Include Donations to Gateway Battered Women's Services, The Arc of Aurora, Advocates for Children/CASA, Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center Inc., Excelsior Youth Center Inc. and Beacon of Hope Outreach Center;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Aurora, Colo., 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 two new stores in Aurora. The Wednesday, April 9, 2008, event will take place at the new Office Depot store at the Southlands Mall, located at 23860 East Orchard Road. The Thursday, April 10, 2008, event will take place at the new Office Depot store located at 422 South Chambers Road at East Alameda Parkway. Both events will begin at 2:00 p.m.

During the April 9 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: Gateway Battered Women's Services, The Arc of Aurora and Advocates for Children/CASA. In addition, Kevin Hougen, President/CEO of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

During the April 10 ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Office Depot Foundation will also make \$500 contributions and backpack donations to Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center Inc., Excelsior Youth Center Inc. and Beacon of Hope Outreach Center. Kevin Hougen, President/CEO, Aurora Chamber of Commerce will again offer welcoming remarks and the public is invited to attend the event.

About the Two New Office Depot Stores in Aurora

According to James Orth, Manager of the Southland Mall store, the new Aurora stores feature 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 stores each employ approximately 20 full- and part-time associates. They house more than 7,500 technology, furniture and supply products as well as Design, Print and Ship services in over 20,000 square feet of customer space.

The Southlands Mall 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 303-766-3033.

The Chambers Road store hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 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 303-337-5252.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the April 9 and April 10 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Jeneen Klippel-Worden, Director of Development and Public Relations, Gateway Battered Women's Services
- Jean Solis, Director of Marketing and Development, The Arc of Aurora
- Wendy Bosanova, Board Member, The Arc of Aurora
- Barbara Grantland, Board Member, The Arc of Aurora
- Tammy Fichiallos, Member, The Arc of Aurora
- Jayme Harper, Volunteer Recruitment and Training Manager, Advocates for Children/CASA
- Abel Coombs, Board Member, Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center Inc.
- Joan Gabrielson, Executive Director, Excelsior Youth Center Inc.
- Rev. Leo Pacheco, President/Executive Director, Beacon of Hope Outreach Center

City Official:

- Councilman Bob Broom

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Representatives:

- Kevin Hougen, President/CEO
- Paul Rosenberg, VP Membership Development

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Kris Kubasta, Manager of the Chambers Road store. "We are excited to open our two new stores in Aurora 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 Gateway Battered Women's Services

The mission of Gateway Battered Women's Services is to work toward the elimination of personal and societal violence against all women and children by empowerment through education and support services and by actually promoting social change within the community.

About The Arc of Aurora

The Arc of Aurora is a not-for-profit membership organization that has, for nearly 33 years, provided advocacy support for people with developmental disabilities in Aurora. The mission has remained the same: To insure that people with developmental disabilities and their families are afforded the opportunity to participate in all aspects of community life. The Arc of Aurora insures these opportunities through information and referral, individual and family support, individual and class advocacy and community education.

About Advocates for Children/CASA

Advocates for Children implements the Court Appointed Special Advocates program (CASA). Each year in Colorado, more than 10,000 children are victims of abuse or neglect. The CASA volunteers stand up for the best interests of these children in court. Last year, CASA volunteers contributed a total of over 26,000 volunteer hours to the community.

About Denver Metro Community Parent Resource Center, Inc.

Denver Metro serves low-income, culturally and linguistically diverse families who have children, age birth-26, with disabilities living in the Denver-metro area by providing individuals with information and resources. The Individuals with Disabilities Education

Act (IDEA) of 2004 is the law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. Denver Metro CPRC helps families navigate this complex law through parent advising, and by offering workshops. With limited funding sources but with a strong sense of advocacy, Denver Metro CPRC served 2,500 individuals from October 2006 to present.

About Excelsior Youth Center Inc.

Excelsior Youth Center is the largest residential treatment center in Colorado for troubled girls, ages 11 to 18. As a private, non-profit organization, it has been providing a structured educational and therapeutic environment for young women for the past 35 years in Aurora. Nearly all of the girls suffered from some sort of abuse or have been chronic runaways or truants, and many have failed in a dozen other placements. Despite their background, more than 82% successfully complete the program and transition back to the community. The facility generally has 180 young women in residence with an additional 20 day students. Excelsior has a fully accredited Middle/High School on its 33-acre campus.

About Beacon of Hope Outreach Center

The Beacon of Hope Outreach Center (BHOC) was founded in 1995 with a simple purpose – to reach out to those in need and provide various services, programs and resources that will help others in their journey. From helping the homeless to assisting those struck by natural disaster, crime or other crises, BHOC is but one hand that reaches out to make a difference, partnering with other organizations, agencies and corporations to bring hope to those in need.

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