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## **OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE IN BRIGHTON, COLO., WITH MARCH 20 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Almost Home, Inc., Adams County 4-H and  
Mi Casa Resource Center for Women.  
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

**Brighton, Colo., March 17, 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 Brighton on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 2433 Prairie Center Parkway in the Prairie Center Shopping Plaza.

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: Almost Home Inc., Adams County 4-H and Mi Casa Resource Center for Women. In addition, State Representative Mary Hodge, Mayor Jan Pawlowski and Marty Wadsworth, Chairman, Brighton Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. Councilman Terry Moore; Councilwoman Wilma Rose; Councilman Daryl Meyers; Lynn Southard, President, Brighton Chamber of Commerce; and the Board of Directors from the Brighton Chamber of Commerce will also attend. The public is invited to attend the event.

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

According to Store Manager Matt Martin, the new Brighton 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 20,900 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 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 720-685-1337.

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

Special guests scheduled to participate in the March 20 ribbon-cutting include:

#### **Non-Profit Organization Representatives:**

- Terry Moore, Executive Director, Almost Home Inc.
- Tom Fey, Agent, Adams County 4-H
- Gayle Warner, VP of Programs/Interim Executive Director, Mi Casa Resource Center for Women
- Rena Maez, Youth Development Programs Coordinator, Mi Casa Resource Center for Women

#### **State Official:**

- State Representative Mary Hodge

#### **City Officials:**

- Mayor Jan Pawlowski
- Councilman Terry Moore
- Councilwoman Wilma Rose
- Councilman Daryl Meyers

#### **Brighton Chamber of Commerce Representative:**

- Marty Wadsworth, Chairman
- Lynn Southard, President

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Martin. We are excited to open our first store in Brighton 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](http://www.officedepotfoundation.org) for more information.

**About Almost Home Inc.**

Almost Home Inc. is a Brighton-based 501(c)(3) not for profit that has a 12-year history of providing emergency and permanent affordable housing to the people within the greater Brighton area. Its programs consist of a 14-bed homeless shelter, 11 units of transitional housing, a rental and utility assistance program which assists over 2,000 family members annually, and Hughes Station, a 120-unit low-income rental development in historic downtown Brighton.

**About Adams County 4-H**

The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership and life skills of youth through mostly experiential learning programs. Though typically thought of as an agriculturally focused organization as a result of its history, 4-H today encourages members to learn about many topics, such as youth leadership, youth-adult partnership, geographic information systems, and public speaking. The Adams County chapter of 4-H is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service of Colorado State University and encourages all youths 5-18 years of age to participate.

**About Mi Casa Resource Center for Women**

At Mi Casa Resource Center, the mission is to help primarily low-income Latinas and youth achieve self-sufficiency. Mi Casa has a long history of success for providing intensive services in a caring environment that empowers participants to achieve their goals and transform their lives. Services are offered in five program areas including small business development, employment training, extended learning, youth development and community advocacy. Mi Casa Resource Center is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and provides services to Metro Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

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