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**OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE  
IN DALLAS, TEXAS, WITH APRIL 3 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Austin Street Centre, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas  
and Child Abuse Prevention Center;  
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

**Dallas, Texas, March 31, 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 newest store in Dallas on Thursday, April 3 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 4121 Gaston Ave., in Gaston Place.

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: Austin Street Centre, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas and Child Abuse Prevention Center. In addition, Ryan Trimble, Constituent Liaison for State Representative Dan Branch; and Sheri George, Membership Sales Representative from the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

**About the New Office Depot Store in Dallas**

According to Store Manager Larissa Nichols, the new Dallas 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 23,102 square feet of customer space.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 214-887-6330.

**About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

Special guests scheduled to participate in the April 3 ribbon-cutting include:

**Non-Profit Organization Representatives:**

- Rev. Beulah “Bubba” Dailey, Executive Director, Austin Street Centre
- Rev. Harry E. Dailey, Co-Executive Director, Austin Street Centre
- Misti Carder-Potter, VP Development & Marketing, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas
- Heidi Parker, Parent Aide Case Manager, Child Abuse Prevention Center

**State Official:**

- Ryan Trimble, Constituent Liaison for State Representative Dan Branch

**City of Dallas Official:**

- Councilwoman Angela Hunt

**Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce Representative:**

- Sheri George, Membership Sales Representative

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Nichols. “We are excited to open our new store in Dallas 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 Austin Street Centre**

Austin Street Centre, a care campus serving Dallas' homeless, will mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of providing food, shelter, medical, psychiatric and psychological treatment to 400 men, women and children each night. Austin Street provides "whole person" therapeutic and substance abuse programs so that the person in need can make responsible choices, positive changes and, when possible, be reunited with their family.

**About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas inspires and empowers all youth, with special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to achieve their full potential in a positive, safe and fun environment. Thousands of boys and girls from low-income neighborhoods benefit from the building-centered programs and services designed specifically for them at 11 local clubs. The programs provide strong moral guidance, positive role models and life-changing educational programs designed to save kids from lives of crime and failure. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas is an organization that stands for traditional values, while providing progressive programs that address the problems faced by the youth of today, including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, gangs and violence.

**About The Child Abuse Prevention Center**

The Child Abuse Prevention Center has assisted more than 1,724 at-risk families with more than 4,200 children, without charge, through its Parent Aide Program. A leader in Dallas County child abuse prevention since 1993, the CAP Center works to empower its clients by teaching positive parenting methods and supporting parents in strengthening their families emotionally, economically, physically and socially. The CAP Center pioneered the court-mandated divorce education program, Families First. Currently, the CAP Center is working with 50 at-risk pregnant and parenting teens in high poverty neighborhoods in the Healthy Families program.

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