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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE IN EL PASO, TEXAS, WITH APRIL 10 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Kids Excel El Paso Inc.
and Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

El Paso, Texas, 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 newest store in El Paso on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 1838 Joe Battle Blvd., in the El Paseo Marketplace.

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: Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Kids Excel El Paso, Inc. and Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso. In addition, Mark Ropella, Sales Account Manager, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in El Paso

According to Store Manager Robert Nieto, the new El Paso 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 20,331 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 7:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 915-849-1459.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Al Velarde, Executive Director, Child Crisis Center of El Paso
- Gemtria St Clair, Artistic/Executive Director, Kids Excel El Paso Inc.
- Susan Oliva, Director, Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso

Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Mark Ropella, Sales Account Manager

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Nieto. “We are excited to open our new store in El Paso 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 Child Crisis Center of El Paso

The mission of the Child Crisis Center is to prevent child abuse and/or neglect and to support parents in the El Paso community. Services include an emergency shelter, crisis nursery, community partnership education, a family visitation center and a community-based family resource center.

About Kids Excel El Paso Inc.

Kids Excel El Paso is a non-profit arts education organization serving over 1,100 children in low-income public schools in El Paso. Kids Excel classes teach children how to strive for their personal best, never give up and be willing to take a chance. Each class is taught by a trained instructor and a professional piano accompanist and is energetic, fun, success-oriented, inclusive and physically and mentally demanding. Children receive one 45-minute class each week for the entire school year, ending in a school-wide performance assembly where they can show what they have learned and gain positive reinforcement from peers, teachers, families and community members. Not only do Kids Excel classes get kids moving, they also get them thinking. Challenging children to approach tasks with maximum effort and energy helps them to learn that focus, concentration, tenacity and determination can be fun and rewarding. Instruction supports academic achievement with cross-curricular activities that translate into increased self-confidence in the classroom, positive risk-taking and the discipline to achieve difficult goals.

About Advocacy Center of the Children of El Paso

The Mission of the Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso is to advocate for child victims of abuse and neglect in the El Paso area by providing education and a collaborative, comprehensive and efficient intervention process to seek justice and to maximize each child's chance for healing. With community support, this mission can be accomplished in a child- and family-sensitive environment through partnership of legal, law enforcement, child protective and health care resources.

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