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**OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE
IN FORT COLLINS, COLO., WITH APRIL 10 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

Event to Include Donations to Colorado 4-H Foundation, Foothills Gateway Inc. and Crossroads Safehouse Inc.; Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials

Fort Collins, 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 its newest store in Fort Collins on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 2216 E. Harmony Rd. in the Harmony Schools Shops.

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: Colorado 4-H Foundation, Foothills Gateway Inc. and Crossroads Safehouse Inc. In addition, Mayor Doug Hutchinson, Councilman Diggs Brown and David May, President & CEO, Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Fort Collins

According to Store Manager Rae Young, the new Fort Collins 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 20,878 square feet of customer space.

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 970-223-1511.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Gary Small, Director, Colorado 4-H Foundation
- Kathy Wolfe, Extension Agent, Larimer County 4-H
- Tim O'Neill, Executive Director, Foothills Gateway Inc.
- Pat Parker, Associate Director, Crossroads Safehouse Inc.
- Wendy Abbott, Development & Marketing Director, Crossroads Safehouse Inc.

Fort Collins City Officials:

- Mayor Doug Hutchinson
- Councilman Diggs Brown

Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- David May, President & CEO

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Young. “We are excited to open our new store in Fort Collins 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 Colorado 4-H Foundation

The Colorado 4-H Foundation was established in 1952 and is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization with a mission to solicit and disburse financial resources for the 4-H Youth Development Program of Colorado State University Extension. Colorado 4-H Youth Development is a diverse program aimed at meeting the needs of young people through hands-on learning. Through a wide variety of programs guided by adult volunteers, Colorado Youth can stimulate their creativity, build self-confidence and learn life and decision-making skills. Currently, more than 163,000 youth throughout Colorado are enrolled in 4-H Youth Development programs annually.

About Foothills Gateway Inc.

Foothills Gateway Inc. is a non-profit organization that functions to efficiently coordinate and provide services for Larimer County citizens with cognitive disabilities and their families. Established in 1972 to provide a community-based alternative to institutional care, Foothills Gateway has been designated by the State of Colorado as the community centered board, or single entry point, for these services in Larimer County. Services and support are provided through a variety of programs aimed at addressing the employment, housing and social needs for eligible individuals and their families. Funding for services and support comes from federal, state, county and private funds.

About Crossroads Safehouse Inc.

Since 1980, Crossroads Safehouse has provided safehousing and domestic violence services to more than 11,000 adults and children throughout Larimer County. Located in Fort Collins, the Safehouse is available day and night to assist survivors of relationship abuse and their children who are in imminent need of shelter. Crossroads offers a 24/7 helpline staffed by trained advocates and a range of services including support groups, legal representation, public education, children services, teen programs, bilingual assistance, transitional housing and referral services. In 2007, the Safehouse provided individual families more than 6,000 nights of shelter. Nearly 1,000 men, women and children received individual and group services and another 3,300 were reached through educational presentations.

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