

CONTACTS:

Melissa Perlman
Public Relations
561-438-0704

Melissa.Pperlman@officedepot.com

Leon Rubin
JKG Group
561-989-9931, Ext 101

lrubin@jkggroup.com

OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE IN NORMAN, OKLA., WITH APRIL 3 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to Friends of the Norman Public Library, Women's Resource Center Inc. and the Central Oklahoma Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Norman, Okla., 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 first store in Norman on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 1650 24th Avenue NW in the University North Park 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: Friends of the Norman Public Library, Women's Resource Center, Inc. and the Central Oklahoma Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. In addition, Christie Myers, Director of Business Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, representing Governor Brad Henry; Councilmember Dan Quinn, representing Mayor Cindy Rosenthal; and Robin Allen, President, Norman Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Norman

According to Store Manager John Wheeler, the new Norman 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 21,813 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 7:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 405-366-6001.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Jaci Williams, President, Friends of the Norman Public Library
- Simm Rudnick, Book Sale Co-Chair & Board Member, Friends of the Norman Public Library
- Lori Rudnick, Book Sale Co-Chair & Board Member, Friends of the Norman Public Library
- Jo Ann Smith, Executive Director, Women's Resource Center Inc.
- Lorna Palmer, Executive Director, the Central Oklahoma Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

State Official:

- Christie Myers, Director of Business Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, representing Governor Brad Henry

Norman City Officials:

- Councilmember Dan Quinn, Representing Mayor Cindy Rosenthal
- Councilmember David Hopper
- Councilmember Richard Stawicki
- Councilmember Doug Cubberley

Norman Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Robin Allen, President

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Wheeler. "We are excited to open our first store in Norman 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 Friends of the Norman Public Library

The Friends of the Norman Public Library is a volunteer-run non-profit organization that supports the library and its programs. The Friends actively promote many innovative and diverse outreach activities such as the cultural festivals, literacy programs, Big Read and the Summer Reading Program. Currently, they are also working to get a new library building that will encourage a lifelong love of reading.

About Women's Resource Center Inc.

The Women's Resource Center has been providing family violence shelter, rape crisis center, counseling, education and prevention to women and their children for more than 33 years.

About the Central Oklahoma Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

The Central Oklahoma Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® – along with those who generously support us with their talent, time and resources – is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the community. They join more than 100,000 breast cancer survivors and activists around the globe as part of the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting breast cancer. Through events like the Komen Oklahoma City Race for the Cure, they have invested over \$6 million in local breast health and breast cancer awareness projects in the 10-county service area. Up to 75 percent of net proceeds generated by the Komen Central Oklahoma Affiliate stay in central Oklahoma. The remaining income goes to the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program for energizing science to find the cures.

###