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**OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE
IN PITTSBURGH, PA., WITH MARCH 6 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation,
The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and The Children's Institute;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 3, 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 Pittsburgh on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 623 Smithfield St., at Sixth Avenue, in downtown Pittsburgh.

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: Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and The Children's Institute. In addition, State Senator Wayne Fontana; State Representative Jake Wheatley Jr.; Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl; and Council Member Tonya Payne will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Pittsburgh

According to Store Manager Dan Skaris, the new downtown Pittsburgh 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 19,016 square feet of customer space.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 412-261-1110.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the March 6 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Mandy Miller, Manager of Children's Miracle Network at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation
- Molly Mercurio, Development Associate, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
- Kate Lewis, Annual Fund Coordinator, The Children's Institute

State Officials:

- Senator Wayne Fontana
- Representative Jake Wheatley Jr.

City of Pittsburgh Officials:

- Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
- Council Member Tonya Payne

Allegheny Conference on Community Development Representative:

- Kelli Wall, Senior Director of Membership Services

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Skaris. "We are excited to open our new store in Pittsburgh 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 distributed 300,000 new backpacks last year to non-profit organizations and schools for distribution to deserving children throughout the United States and Canada. Office Depot has given away nearly 1.5 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 Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation

Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation is the sole fund-raising arm of Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. The Foundation exists to provide the financial support that ensures the hospital’s mission of improving the health and well-being of all children through excellence in care, teaching and research.

About The Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

The Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S), founded in 1974, was one of the first six domestic violence programs in the country. Since its inception, WC&S has been a national leader in the development of innovative and effective intervention and prevention programs for victims of domestic violence. The mission of the Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh is to end intimate partner violence in the lives of women and their children in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Yearly, it serves 5,200 women and children victims through its 24 hour hotline, shelter, empowerment center, legal and medical advocacy, children’s counseling center and program, civil law project, education department and transitional housing.

About The Children’s Institute

Established in 1902, The Children’s Institute is an independent, non-profit, licensed organization in Pittsburgh dedicated to promoting the well being of children, young people and their families and to providing services that meet their special needs. A unique three-armed approach of The Children’s Institute – hospital, school, adoption service – sets the organization apart from others in western Pennsylvania. In fiscal year 2006, The Children’s Institute served more than 3,200 children and their families and typically has provided \$3 million to \$4 million annually in charity care.

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