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

*Event to Include Donations to Rainbows and Moonbeams, Baby and Me
and the Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Tomball, 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 first store in Tomball on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 14424 FM 2920 Rd., one half-mile west of FM 249.

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: Rainbows and Moonbeams, Baby and Me and the Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Colleen Gilligan Gilbert, Field Director for United States Congressman Michael McCaul; Tomball Mayor Gretchen Fagan; Bruce Hillegeist, President of the Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce; and Anne Sundquist, President; and Dona Hunt, Chair of the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Tomball

According to Store Manager Todd Stanley, the new Tomball 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 20,450 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 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 281-255-5568.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Shari Wies, Director of Operations, Rainbows and Moonbeams
- Tammie Muniz, Occupational Therapist and Volunteer, Rainbows and Moonbeams
- Bob Sanchez, President of the Board, Baby and Me
- Bruce Hillegeist, President, Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

Federal Official:

- Colleen Gilligan Gilbert, Field Director for United States Congressman Michael McCaul

City Official:

- Mayor Gretchen Fagan
- David Quinn, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Councilmember Mary Harvey

Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Bruce Hillegeist, President

Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce Representatives:

- Anne Sundquist, President
- Dona Hunt, Chair

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Stanley. “We are excited to open our first store in Tomball 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 Rainbows and Moonbeams

Rainbows and Moonbeams is a residential treatment program that provides Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) children a loving home environment and multi-specialty medical care. The philosophy of Rainbows and Moonbeams is to give each child the highest quality of continuous care while fostering that child's development to the fullest extent possible despite the underlying multi-organ disability. Due to its program, FAS children learn to cope with the numerous limitations imposed by their disability while also deriving the greatest possible meaning of life. An emphasis on education, life skills and social interaction with others facilitates each child's progress.

About Baby and Me

The mission of Baby and Me is to provide a comfortable, inviting, Christian home for young pregnant women and young moms through guidance, love and protection. It provides counseling to strengthen women and their new family. It believes each young woman, upon leaving the facility, will have sufficient life skills to care for her new child, develop a budget, earn a living and become an industrious member of the community.

About Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce exists to provide resources and foster relationships that empower businesses to prosper. Though incorporated in 1965, the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce was first organized in the 1920s. It is recognized throughout Texas for its passionate advocacy for the community. The Office Depot Foundation is pleased to support the Chamber's Building for Tomorrow Capital Campaign for the new chamber offices located on Quinn Road.

About Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce

The Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce, organized in 1975, combines businesses from the North Houston region as well as Southwest Montgomery County. Members and staff work together to promote business development and better the community through involvement in economic development, education, legislative involvement and community activities. As the area grows, the Chamber is experiencing growth and is actively exploring opportunities for increased office space and staff to better serve its members and the community as a whole. It stands for a positive outlook on the future of the Magnolia area, and for quality growth to serve the residents and to provide a strong tax base.

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