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

*Event to Include Donations to the Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco,  
Mabel's Free Clinic Association and The Jason Campos Foundation;  
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

**Weslaco, 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 Weslaco on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 1406 W. Expressway 83.

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: Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco, Mabel's Free Clinic Association and The Jason Campos Foundation. In addition, Mayor Buddy de la Rosa; Cynthia Sakulenzki, President and CEO of the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and Jeff Wakler, Chief Red Coat Ambassador, Weslaco Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

**About the New Office Depot Store in Weslaco**

According to Store Manager David Ramirez, the new Weslaco 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 20,780 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 956-968-6207.

**About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

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

**Non-Profit Organization Representatives:**

- David Fox, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco
- Richard Turner, President of the Executive Committee, Mabel's Free Clinic Association
- Marge Butcher, Clinic Administrator, Mabel's Free Clinic Association
- Judy Turner, Treasurer of the Mexican Board of Directors, Mabel's Free Clinic Association
- Pamm Routley, Executive Committee Delegate and Tour Director, Mabel's Free Clinic Association
- Jean Rothfus, Member of the Board of Directors, Mabel's Free Clinic Association
- Catherine Campos, Director, The Jason Campos Foundation

**City of Weslaco Official:**

- Mayor Buddy de la Rosa

**McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Representative:**

- Cynthia Sakulenzki, President & CEO

**Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Representative:**

- Jeff Walker, Chief Red Coat Ambassador

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Ramirez. “We are excited to open our first store in Weslaco 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](http://www.officedepotfoundation.org) for more information.

**About Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco**

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun. They are truly The Positive Place For Kids.

**About Mabel's Free Clinic Association**

Mabel's Free Clinic Association is located in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico, and has been in operation for over 10 years serving the indigent people of that area. The Clinic provides free medical, dental and optometric care and glasses five mornings per week. In addition, every second week an ophthalmologist performs minor eye surgery.

**About the Jason Campos Foundation**

The Jason Campos Foundation is dedicated to the memory and spirit of Robert Jason Campos. The foundation strives to honor and respect the needs of the individual and members of impoverished communities. Through charitable work and donations, the foundation is a tribute to Jason's life of altruism, strength and compassion. Providing service to the community, the Jason Campos Foundation focuses its work on empowering impoverished communities through charitable assistance, education, academic scholarships, and facilitation of health and other issues inflicting these communities.

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