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## **OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE IN CORSICANA, TEXAS, WITH APRIL 16 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Corsicana YMCA, Corsicana Education Foundation and Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc (VOICE);  
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

**Corsicana, Texas, April 13, 2009** – Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, announced today that the Company will celebrate the opening of its new store in Corsicana on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 2211 S I-45 in the Corsicana Crossing Shopping Plaza.

During the April 16 ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Office Depot Foundation will make \$250 contributions and donate a number of new children's backpacks to three local non-profit organizations: the Corsicana YMCA, the Corsicana Education Foundation and Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc (VOICE). In addition, Corsicana Mayor C.L. "Buster" Brown, Councilwoman Ruby Williams, Councilman Stephen G. Andrews, Paul Hooper, executive director, and Aric Bonner, president of the Corsicana/Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

### **About the New Office Depot Store in Corsicana**

According to Phillip Hudnall, manager of the Corsicana store, the new 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 over 20,000 square feet of customer space.

The store hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 903-874-4460.

### **About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

Special guests scheduled to participate in the April 16 include:

#### **Non-Profit Organization Representatives:**

- Terry Seth, Executive Director, Corsicana YMCA

- Vicki Winningham, Administrative Assistant, Corsicana YMCA
- Thomas Burns, Sports Director, Corsicana YMCA
- Laura Herrin, Fitness Director, Corsicana YMCA
- Elizabeth Seth, Childcare Director, Corsicana YMCA
- Dora Scruggs, Membership Director, Corsicana YMCA
- Samantha Daviss, Executive Director, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Don Denbow, Superintendent, Corsicana Independent School District
- Ann Stites, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Kathy Nease, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Lesa Goins, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Gina Middleton, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Kim Martinez, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Dolores Stone, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Darcel Shelman, Board Member, Corsicana Education Foundation
- Lynda Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- Darcel Shelman, Board Member, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- Dr. Toni Brown, Board Secretary, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- Kristen McCoy, Chairman of the Board, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- Russell Hudson, Vice Chairman of the Board, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- John Goodnight, Program Director, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)
- Gina Dieterichs, Director of Marketing/Development, Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)

**City Officials:**

- C.L. "Buster" Brown, Mayor of the City of Corsicana
- Ruby Williams, City of Corsicana Councilwoman, representing Precinct 2
- Stephen G. Andrews, City of Corsicana Councilman, representing Precinct 3

**Corsicana/Navarro County Chamber of Commerce Representatives:**

- Paul Hooper, Executive Director
- Aric Bonner, President
- Board of Directors
- Chamber Ambassadors

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Phillip Hudnall, store manager. "We are excited to open our new store in Corsicana 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 approximately 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 more than 2 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 1,713 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.8 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$14.5 billion, and employs about 43,000 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 48 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 the YMCA of Corsicana**

The YMCA of Corsicana is a member association of the National YMCA of the USA and was first established in 1884 and chartered in the State of Texas on July 12, 1886. In the past 123 years, the YMCA has evolved from simply providing overnight lodging for men into a community-based activity center to promote better fitness and health through programs and activities for all age levels. A “Character Counts” program has been implemented in all programs with the emphasis on “Caring, Respect, Responsibility, and Honesty.” The YMCA strives to “Build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities”.

### **About the Corsicana Education Foundation**

The mission of the Corsicana Education Foundation is to enrich, maintain, and expand programs and projects needed to meet the Corsicana Independent School District's stated mission of excellence in education through generating and distributing resources to the district

### **About Viable Options in Community Endeavors, Inc. (VOICE)**

VOICE has been empowering children and families in Navarro County for over 20 years. Last year, through a variety of education and skill building programs, over 8,000 children and parents learned and developed the skills necessary to lead healthy and productive lives. This year, the agency expanded the service area to include Henderson, Hill, Freestone, and Limestone counties.

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