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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW STORE LOCATION IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, WITH APRIL 23 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to YMCA of Delaware, Police Athletic League of Wilmington and Bread for the Journey, Wilmington;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Wilmington, Del., April 17, 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 location in Wilmington on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 4211 Concord Pike in the Concord Square Shopping Plaza.

During the April 23 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 YMCA of Delaware, the Police Athletic League of Wilmington, Inc. and Bread for the Journey, Wilmington. In addition, Blaine Breeding, Legislative Aide to Delaware State Representative Dennis Williams, George Timko of the Office of the New Castle County Executive, and Pamela Mayse, director of events and membership of the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Wilmington

According to Sheri Fuka, manager of the Wilmington store, "Office Depot is committed to servicing our business customers and taking care of business. We are focused on developing and providing a variety of innovative and cost-efficient office products and services that are smart for our customers – and smart for business."

The new store features Office Depot's industry-leading M2 retail format, which is intuitive, logical and designed specifically for the way people make purchase decisions. Customers will find products 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 Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 302-477-0203.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the April 23 include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Jack Booker, Downtown Wilmington Executive Director, YMCA of Delaware
- Kristina Woznicki, Downtown Wilmington Associate Executive Director, YMCA of Delaware
- Phadrea Oates, Financial Director, Police Athletic League of Wilmington, Inc.
- Officer Jackson, Police Athletic League of Wilmington, Inc.
- Emily Schwenker, Founder of the Wilmington chapter, Bread for the Journey

State Officials:

- Blaine Breeding, Legislative Aide to Delaware State Representative Dennis Williams

County Official:

- George Timko, Office of the New Castle County Executive

New Castle County Chamber of Commerce Representatives:

- Pamela Mayse, Director of Events and Membership
- Chamber Ambassadors

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Sheri Fuka, store manager. “We are excited to open our new store location in Wilmington 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 for more information.

About the YMCA of Delaware

The YMCA of Delaware is on a mission to serve and strengthen the community. Thanks to the generous gifts from individuals in the community, and from businesses such as Office Depot, the YMCA will never have to turn individuals away due to their financial hardship. The mission on the YMCA of Delaware is to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

About the Police Athletic League of Wilmington, Inc.

The Police Athletic League of Wilmington (PALW) serves more than 250 of Wilmington's boys and girls each day. In addition to open recreation activities, PALW offers a computer room; a game room; a "Kids Café" that serves hot meals during summer camp; youth chess and checkers; and a martial arts program. Kids also participate on step teams or divisional basketball teams.

About Bread for the Journey, Wilmington

Bread for the Journey of Wilmington, DE is one of 20 local chapters of Bread for the Journey International. It is a unique philanthropic organization committed to the belief that all people have important gifts to offer – some bring money, some bring time or talents, others bring ideas or creativity. In a culture obsessed with “bigger is better,” Bread for the Journey celebrates the value of small things done well. It enables what may appear to be small and insignificant acts of generosity to grow and multiply so that they might become large and have far-reaching positive effects.

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