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**OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION HONORS YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST
ZACH BONNER WITH 'LISTEN LEARN CARE AWARD'**

Program Recognizes Exceptional Creativity and Innovation in Community Service

BOCA RATON, Fla., February 18, 2010 – The Office Depot Foundation – the independent, non-profit foundation that serves as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot – has recognized 12-year-old philanthropist Zach Bonner, founder of the Little Red Wagon Foundation, with the organization’s highest honor: the “Listen Learn Care Award.”

The award reflects the Office Depot Foundation’s mission – Listen Learn Care® – by honoring individuals who have been exceptionally creative and innovative in following their dreams and in helping others to realize their goals and aspirations. The award to Bonner acknowledges his outstanding efforts to raise awareness about youth homelessness as well as the ongoing charitable work he carries out through the Little Red Wagon Foundation.

In 2009, Bonner completed a 1,225-mile-long walk from his home in Valrico, Fla., to the White House in Washington. Along the way, Bonner sought to draw attention to the 1.3 million homeless children living in the United States. Millions of people followed his journey on the Philanthropy Project’s AOL website (www.aolnews.com/philanthropy). The Office Depot Foundation donated 1,225 backpacks to Bonner’s foundation in recognition of his accomplishment. This year, Zach has embarked on his “Walk Across America,” which will cover 2,300 miles from Tampa to Los Angeles.

“These awards recognize not only what the recipients have accomplished, but also their vision, their dedication and their persistence,” says Office Depot Foundation President Mary Wong. “Zach Bonner has established a record as a philanthropist that most adults would envy.

We are pleased to honor him for helping to focus much-needed attention on the difficulties faced



by homeless children and families in our country – and inspiring countless children and adults to follow in his small, but effective, footsteps.”

The Listen Learn Care Awards were presented during the Foundation’s recent “Weekend in Boca” Civil Society Leadership Symposium, which attracted more than 125 representatives of non-profit organizations, government and businesses to Boca Raton for sessions focused on helping non-profits enhance the impact they make in their communities.

During the symposium, Zach Bonner was one of the speakers for “Homeless in Paradise,” a panel discussion that focused on homelessness and strategies for addressing it in Palm Beach County, Fla. Joining Zach for the panel were Anne M. Chernin, executive director of the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County; Diana Stanley, executive director of The Lord’s Place; and Wendy Tippett, chief executive officer of Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. The session was moderated by Leslie Lilly, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

Zach and his mother, Laurie Bonner, were active participants throughout the symposium. Zach also was the inspiration for the first Weekend in Boca service project, in which attendees filled 200 Office Depot Foundation backpacks with school supplies to be donated to The Lord’s Place and Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches.

To learn more about the Office Depot Foundation and its other initiatives, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

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The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation (tax exempt under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3)) that serves as the independent charitable giving arm of Office Depot, Inc. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care®, the Foundation supports a variety of programs that help children succeed in school and in life; enable civil society (non-profit) organizations to become more efficient and effective; help people and businesses prepare for disasters, then recover and rebuild afterwards; strengthen local communities through grants, product donations and volunteerism; and encourage community development through entrepreneurship and economic innovation. For more information, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

