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**OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION WELCOMES YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST
ZACH BONNER TO EL PASO, TEXAS, AS HE CONTINUES
HIS 'MARCH ACROSS AMERICA' TO SUPPORT HOMELESS KIDS**

*Foundation Donates 500 Backpacks in Zach's Honor to El Paso Coalition for the Homeless,
Child Crisis Center of El Paso and Community Partners of El Paso*

El Paso, Texas, July 6, 2010 – When 12-year-old philanthropist Zach Bonner visited El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday (7/6) along the course of his 2,478-mile “March Across America,” the Office Depot Foundation welcomed him with a celebration in his honor at a local Office Depot® store – and supported the community at the same time.

Zach stopped by the Office Depot located at 801 Sunland Park Drive in El Paso for a visit with Office Depot associates and local government and business officials. During the event, the Office Depot Foundation – the independent, non-profit charitable giving arm of Office Depot (NYSE: ODP) – donated 500 new children’s backpacks in Zach’s honor to three area non-profit organizations: the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, the Child Crisis Center of El Paso and the Sara McKnight Transitional Living Center of the YWCA of El Paso del Norte.

Special guests who welcomed Zach included:

- State Representative Joseph Moody (D-78)
- Analisa Cordova, Chief of Staff, and Joana Alferez, Community Outreach Specialist, representing State Senator Eliot Shapleigh (D-29)
- Yvonne Escobar and Vincent Perez, representing Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-16)
- Richard Dayoub, President and CEO of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce

Non-profit organization representatives who participated included:

- El Paso Coalition for the Homeless – Monica Almuina, Treasurer of the EPCH Board of Directors; Carol Bohle, Executive Director; and Camille Castillo, Grants Planner
- Child Crisis Center of El Paso – Barbara Hall, Director of Operations
- Sara McKnight Transitional Living Center, YWCA of El Paso del Norte – Kathy Cox, Shelter Administrator

Having already walked 1,225 miles “From My House to the White House” to raise public awareness about the nearly 1.3 million homeless children in America, Zach is now on a 2,478-mile “March Across America” from his home in Tampa to Los Angeles. When he leaves El Paso, he will have completed roughly two-thirds of his journey.

“Zach Bonner is an extraordinary young man,” notes Office Depot Foundation President Mary Wong. “Not only is he drawing attention to the issues facing some of our nation’s most vulnerable children, but he also is setting an incredibly positive example – for children and adults – about how one individual can truly make a difference.”

The Office Depot Foundation is supporting the “March Across America” by donating 2,478 backpacks – one for every mile he covers – to Zach’s Little Red Wagon Foundation. In 2009, the Foundation gave Zach 1,225 backpacks (one per mile) to celebrate the completion of his first remarkable trek.

The backpack donations are part of the Office Depot Foundation’s award-winning National Backpack Program, through which it will donate about 300,000 new backpacks this year to deserving children across North America and beyond. The Foundation is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the program in 2010. By the end of this year, Office Depot will have given away more than 2.3 million backpacks since the program began in 2001.

In December 2009, the Foundation recognized Zach with the organization’s highest honor – the “Listen Learn Care Award” – to acknowledge 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.

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About the Office Depot Foundation

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.

About Zach Bonner and the “March Across America”

In 2004, in the wake of Hurricane Charley, then 6-year-old Zach Bonner used his little red wagon to gather water and supplies for those victimized by the storm. The following year, he founded the Tampa-based non-profit Little Red Wagon Foundation (www.LittleRedWagonFoundation.com) to help local distressed children. From 2007-2009, in three phases, Zach walked from Tampa to Washington, DC – a 1,225-mile-long trek “From My House to the White House” on behalf of homeless youth in America. The Philanthropy Project

is producing a feature film inspired by Zach's life story directed by David Anspaugh from an original script by Patrick Sheane Duncan.

"March Across America" is sponsored by AOL/KOL, Lazydays, Little Red Wagon Foundation, Office Depot Foundation and Philanthropy Project, with additional support by Build-A-Bear Workshop, Caspers Company McDonald's, K12 and Outback Steakhouse/Carrabba's. For additional information visit www.MarchAcrossAmerica.com.

About El Paso Coalition for the Homeless

The mission of the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless is to provide organizational structure, planning, advocacy and effective common systems for the continuum of programs that in turn help individuals and families return to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. The organization's vision is that homelessness will become rare and brief. Through collaboration and coordination of efforts and an effective balance of programs, El Paso's Continuum of Care will meet the diverse needs of persons at risk of becoming homeless, homeless individuals and families who can transition to a return to self-sufficiency, and those homeless who are no longer able to be totally independent.

About Child Crisis Center of El Paso

The Child Crisis Center of El Paso provides emergency shelter for children newborn up to 13 years from families experiencing a crisis, which may include critical need for parental stress relief, parent/sibling hospitalization, an incarcerated parent, a parent being admitted into an alcohol/drug rehabilitation program, homelessness, deportation, a temporary Child Protective Placement (CPS), and/or utilities disconnect. CCCEP offers families the support needed to stabilize their immediate situation and their lives as a whole to prevent the situation from occurring again.

About Sara McKnight Transitional Living Center

The Sara McKnight Transitional Living Center of the YWCA of El Paso del Norte provides housing for 40 homeless women with or without children for up to 24 months. Program participants receive case management, job development, life-skills classes, day-care, transportation, individual and group therapy for women and children, and advocacy. The center is staffed 24 hours per day. Since the inception of the program, over 2,000 women and their families have resided at TLC.