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OFFICE DEPOT PLEDGES \$500,000 IN SUPPORT OF SHOPA KIDS IN NEED FOUNDATION

Retailer will Help Foundation Provide School Supplies to Children Through 2011

Dayton, OH, April 28, 2006 – The School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA) Kids In Need Foundation today announced that Office Depot (NYSE:ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, has pledged \$500,000 to support the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation through 2011. The new five-year commitment from Office Depot will help provide school supplies to impoverished students and under-funded teachers across the country.

Office Depot is a long time supporter of the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation, an organization that provides free school supplies donated by retailers and manufacturers to students who otherwise could not afford them. The Foundation utilizes a national network of resource centers where teachers from low income schools can procure needed supplies at no expense to the teachers, schools, or students. In addition, the Foundation's School Box program provides supplies in those areas not served by resource centers.

As part of its renewed commitment to the Foundation, Office Depot will continue to sponsor the Kids In Need Resource Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with financial support and product donations. Office Depot will also remain a national sponsor of the Kids In Need Teacher Grants program, which awards funds to teachers for innovative classroom projects.

"Office Depot is strongly committed to helping children and supporting education in communities across the country," said Chuck Rubin, President of North American Retail for Office Depot. "We are very proud of the long-term relationship we have with the Foundation, an organization that positively impacts the lives of so many families."

"Office Depot has always been one of our most generous partners," said SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation Executive Director Kathy Spencer. "The Company's pledge to help provide school supplies to the children who need them the most helps to ensure a future for our nation's children. Office Depot is making a significant, positive contribution toward inspiring our next generation."

About Office Depot

With annual sales of over \$14 billion, Office Depot provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company. Incorporated in 1986 and headquartered in Delray Beach, Florida, Office Depot conducts business in 22 countries and

employs 47,000 people worldwide. The Company operates under the Office Depot®, Viking Office Products®, and Viking Direct® brand names.

Office Depot is a leader in every distribution channel - from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. With over \$3.8 billion of sales, the Company is one of the world's largest e-commerce retailers. As of December 31, 2005, Office Depot had 1,047 retail stores in North America. Internationally, the Company conducts wholly-owned operations in 14 countries, and operates under joint venture and license arrangements in another six countries.

The Company'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>. Broadcast quality B-Roll/Video (digital or tape) is available at www.thenewsmarket.com/officedepot. Registration and video are free to the media.

About the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation

SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation is a national non-profit organization providing school supplies to impoverished children and under-funded teachers. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995 by the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA), the Foundation's mission is to recognize, promote, and support initiatives that foster educational excellence. The National Network of Kids in Need Resource Centers includes 21 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation has distributed more than \$200 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.3 million students and 75,000 teachers annually, and has awarded more than \$665,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit www.kidsinneed.net.

About SHOPA

SHOPA, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit trade association representing nearly 1,000 manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, retailers, wholesalers, distributors, commercial/contract stationers, and service companies involved in the production, distribution, and sale of school supplies and office products. The Association also produces SBTS (SHOPA Buyer-to-Seller) Marketplace events, which facilitate pre-scheduled and one-on-one meetings. SHOPA, in cooperation with Messe Frankfurt and PROPAPER, is producing Paperworld USA in November, the international trade event for the school and office products industry. For more information, visit www.shopa.org.

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Editor's Note:

Spencer Available for Interview

Hi-res Photos Available