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**LexisNexis and MeadWestvaco's School Box
Program, Presented By Standard Register, Distributes School Supplies
To Dayton Public Schools Students**

DAYTON, OH -- SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 -- Six thousand six hundred students at Dayton Public elementary schools received new school supplies this week, thanks to the LexisNexis and MeadWestvaco's School Box program, presented by Standard Register. The program is being administered by the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation, with the help of local corporate sponsors and partners.

Selene Edmunds, director of LexisNexis Cares (Global), says the School Box program fits LexisNexis. "In addition to providing corporate funds for this sponsorship, I am pleased to announce that our local employees provided financial support for the School Box program through the LexisNexis Cares Employee Fund. Through the LexisNexis Cares program, where education and literacy are two primary focus areas, we are proud to support initiatives that provide students the basic supplies necessary to perform well in school, giving each of them the opportunity for a bright, successful future as outstanding future contributors to our local communities."

“A good education is essential for self-sufficiency and success in our society today; and all children deserve an opportunity to make the most of their school experience,” said Kathryn A. Strawn, vice president and executive director of the MeadWestvaco Foundation. “MeadWestvaco is proud to partner with the Kids In Need Foundation and others to help provide young people with the tools they need to do their very best.”

The Kids In Need Foundation, founded by the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA) in 1995, distributes approximately \$30 million worth of free school supplies to 1.3 million children and 75,000 teachers annually through its National Network of Kids In Need Resource Centers.

“As a national organization, we have 21 Resource Centers throughout the U.S.,” said Kathy Spencer, executive director of the Kids In Need Foundation, which is headquartered in the Dayton area. “We also conduct school supply giveaways in cities in which we do not have Centers, and this is the second year we have done so in Dayton.”

In addition to the School Box program, the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation assisted the City of Dayton’s S.T.A.Y. In School supplies giveaway this summer. Together, the programs are providing supplies to 11 thousand students.

Other local sponsors of the School Box program include The Iams Company, Vectren, Miller-Valentine Group, the Berry Company, with contributions from GE Money.

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About Kids In Need Foundation

The 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 \$660,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit www.kidsinneed.net.

About SHOPA

SHOPA, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit trade association representing nearly 800 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, home, and office products industry. For more information, visit the Web site at www.shopa.org.

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