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Office Depot Hosts "Backpack Donation Day" on August 3 with Six Events in South Florida; 25,000 Backpacks Will Be Donated to More Than 90 Non-Profit Organizations and Children

WHAT: Office Depot (NYSE:ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, will celebrate "Backpack Donation Day" by hosting events in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Wellington and West Palm Beach.

In collaboration with the company's National Backpack Program, 25,000 backpacks will be presented to more than 90 different non-profit organizations that work with disadvantaged children. Children will be in attendance at all events and receive backpacks as well. Backpack events will take place at the company's retail stores in Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Wellington and West Palm Beach.

This year, through the National Backpack Program, Office Depot will donate more than 300,000 backpacks containing basic school supplies to underprivileged and "at-risk" kids through area non-profit organizations and Title One schools that help kids throughout the country - just in time for kids heading back-to-school. Office Depot began offering its signature charitable in-kind Backpack Program in 2001. Since its inception and including this year, Office Depot will have placed more than 880,000 backpacks in the hands of children across North America.

Additionally, in an effort to reach out to the community at large, Office Depot also invited qualified non-profit organizations to submit requests for backpacks through its Community Relations Website for the first time. From these requests, recipients were selected and many of those who submitted requests will receive backpacks at the scheduled events.

Office Depot's deep commitment to "Caring and Making a Difference," especially in the communities in which it operates, inspires the office supply giant to become involved with causes and organizations that make a profound social impact. The six simultaneous events in South Florida represent six of hundreds taking place around the country this summer.

WHEN: The events in Delray Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami and West Palm Beach will all take place on August 3 and begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. The event in Boca Raton takes place on August 3 and begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. The Wellington event takes place on August 3 and begins promptly at 1:00 p.m.

WHO: State Representatives, City Officials and Special Guest who will be in attendance at the events include:

-- Mayor Jeff Perlman, Vice Mayor Jon Levinson and Deputy Vice Mayor Rita Ellis (Delray Beach); Mayor Steven L. Abrams (Boca Raton); Mayor James Naugle (Ft. Lauderdale); Gil Osorio, Regional Director for United States Senator Bill Nelson, Denis Morales, Chief of Staff and Jose Fuentes, Director of Public Affairs representing Mayor Carlos Alvarez's Office (Miami); Mayor Lois Frankel and Stanley C. Panther (West Palm Beach); Legislative Aide, Becki Sigendorf, representing Senator Dave Aronberg's Office (Wellington).

-- Office Depot Store Managers, District Managers and senior executives. Representatives, board members, and children from the more than 90 organizations will be in attendance at the events and accept the backpacks containing school supplies from Office Depot executives.

Miami Event: -- Kids Hope United; Communities In Schools of Miami; Miami-Dade School District; Upper Room Outreach Ministries of South Florida, Inc.; The Nat Moore Foundation; New Hope Development Center, Inc.; The Dominican American National Foundation, Inc.; Embrace Girl Power! After School Programs & Camps and Miami Dade Police Officers as acting chaperones; Kristi House; Miami Children's Museum; Amigos for Kids; Optimist Club of Kendall Hammocks; CCDH, Inc.; University of Miami Child Protection Team; Neytz haChochma, Inc.; 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc.; A Need to Read Learning Center; Bridging the Gap Organization; Florida International University Black Employees Association; and Voices for Children Foundation, Inc.