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Note to media: These sackpacs are not available to the general public. They are being donated only to the designated recipients named below.

OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF NEWLY REMODELED STORE IN ROSWELL, GEORGIA, WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FEATURING NASCAR® STAR TONY STEWART

Stewart Will Also Team Up With the Office Depot Foundation To Donate 4,800 Sackpacs To Roswell-Area Kids in Need During Grand Re-Opening Event

Roswell, Ga., August 30, 2011 – Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), celebrating 25 years as a leading global provider of [office supplies](#) and services, and the Office Depot Foundation today announced that Tony Stewart, driver of the No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet Impala in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™, will headline a special store grand opening and “Back-To-School Celebration” event at the newly remodeled Office Depot store at 1580 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell, Ga. The event will take place at 3:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 31.

Stewart will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the grand opening event and help the Office Depot Foundation donate 4,800 new [sackpacs](#) to schools and non-profit organizations that work with children in need in the Roswell area.

“I’m honored to join Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation for this great event in Roswell,” said Stewart, who will compete at nearby Atlanta Motor Speedway this weekend. “Office Depot is focused on Taking Care of Business for its customers every day, and the updated features and more convenient set-up in the store will help customers feel right at home. I’m also very proud to work with the Office Depot Foundation and make sure kids in need have the tools they need to succeed in school. It’s extremely rewarding to see a child’s face light up when they receive a brand-new sackpac.”

Stewart is partnering with the Office Depot Foundation for the third consecutive year to support the Foundation’s National Backpack Program, helping to donate 350,000 [sackpacs](#) throughout the 2011 back-to-school season – the most [sackpacs](#) given out in a single year since the program started in 2001.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony and “Back-To-School Celebration” conclude, Stewart will hold an autograph session for 400 fans beginning at 4:30 p.m. local time at the store. Wristbands will be required for an autograph and will be available at the store beginning at 8 a.m. on the event

day. A replica of Stewart's No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 show car will be on display in the store's parking lot, along with racing simulators for fans to enjoy.

An Inside Look at the Remodeled Office Depot Store in Roswell

According to Store Manager Kevin Epperson, the newly remodeled Roswell store features a number of upgrades designed specifically with the customer in mind, including colorful and clear signage, and carpeted floors for a warmer feel. The floor plan is simple to navigate with a layout that is intuitive, logical and convenient for the customer to shop.

Products are grouped together in highly visible, strategically located "pods," with core office supplies on one side of the store and consumer electronics on the opposite side – all designed for optimal visibility. The furniture area has also been updated with additional product lines and assortments, and is located in the back of the store to better support consultative sales.

The front end of the store has been simplified to feature Office Depot's [Copy & Print Depot](#) and [Tech Depot Services](#), both of which are conveniently located adjacent to the cash registers.

The Roswell [Office Depot store](#) employs 16 associates. It houses more than 7,500 technology, furniture and supply products as well as [technology](#) and [copy & print services](#) in approximately 17,000 square feet of selling space.

The store hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The telephone number is (770) 642-6886.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Highlights

Special guests scheduled to participate in the August 31 ribbon-cutting ceremony include:

Government Officials

- Roswell Mayor Jere Wood
- Roswell City Council Members Becky Wynn, Nancy Diamond and Rich Dippolito
- Fulton County Commissioner Liz Hausmann
- City of Atlanta Associate City Attorney Justin Giboney
- City of Atlanta Commissioner of Constituent Services Andrea Boone
- Fulton County Director of Director of Legislative Affairs Edward Leidelmeijer
- State Senator John Albers
- Seth Coker, representing U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss

Greater North Fulton County Chamber of Commerce Representatives

- Brandon Beach, President/CEO
- Al Nash, Executive Director
- Bernie Tokarz, Project Director
- Chamber Ambassador Hal Coleman

Office Depot Foundation Back-to-School Celebration Highlights

Through the [National Backpack Program](#), which is now in its 11th year, the Office Depot Foundation is helping deserving children succeed in school by donating specially designed [sackpicks](#) across the United States and internationally. The [sackpicks](#), which come in five colorful designs, reflect and respond to changes in the ways that children are taking their materials to school.

The non-profit organizations, schools and agencies scheduled to receive [sackpacks](#) during the back-to-school event on August 31 include:

- Atlanta Public Schools
- Clayton County Schools
- DeKalb County Schools
- Fulton Education Foundation
- Metro Atlanta CASA
- CaringWorks
- CHRIS Kids
- City of Refuge
- Communities in Schools of Atlanta
- Desire Street Ministries
- Easter Seals North Georgia
- Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness
- Rainbow Village
- Safehouse Outreach
- Walter F. White Elementary School
- Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

"In keeping with our mission – Listen Learn Care – we've created these fun and exciting [sackpacks](#) in response to what kids have told us they like," says Foundation President Mary Wong, who will participate in the event. "We are thrilled to donate these very cool [sackpacks](#) to more children in a single year than ever before. By the end of 2011, Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation will have made a difference to more than 2.5 million children through this award-winning initiative!"

To provide its [sackpacks](#) to children in 2011, the Office Depot Foundation is hosting 25 "Back-to-School Celebrations" in cities across the U.S. and in Puerto Rico – five of which include Stewart. Thousands of [sackpacks](#) also are being donated through [Office Depot stores](#) in hundreds of local communities and in collaboration with Office Depot's Business Solutions Division in select cities.

Thousands more are being given to kids through the Office Depot Foundation's partnerships with the Tony Stewart Foundation, the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), Feed The Children, the Kids In Need Foundation, Zach Bonner's Little Red Wagon Foundation, the National Foundation for Women Legislators and a new partner, Samaritan's Feet International, which will distribute [sackpacks](#) both nationally and overseas. For the fourth consecutive year, donations will be made to children of the Navajo Nation in Arizona.

To learn more about the products and services available at Office Depot, please visit your local Office Depot [retail store location](#) or www.officedepot.com. To become a fan of Office Depot on Facebook and receive exclusive content, offers and more, please visit www.facebook.com/officedepot. To follow Office Depot on Twitter, please visit www.twitter.com/officedepot.

More information about the [National Backpack Program](#) can be found on the Office Depot Foundation's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/officedepotfoundation. For information on the Office Depot Foundation and its initiatives, go to www.officedepotfoundation.org/. You can also follow the Foundation on Twitter at www.twitter.com/officedepotfndn.

About Office Depot

Celebrating 25 years as a leading global provider of office supplies and services, Office Depot is Taking Care of Business for millions of customers around the globe. For the local corner store as well as Fortune 500 companies, Office Depot provides supplies and services to its customers

through 1,627 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and global e-commerce operations. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$11.6 billion, and employs about 40,000 associates around the world. The Company provides more office supplies and services to more customers in more countries than any other company, and currently sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 56 countries.

Office Depot's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP. Additional press information can be found at: <http://mediarelations.officedepot.com> and <http://socialpress.officedepot.com/>.

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.