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ANNUAL SUPPLY DRIVE HELPS STUDENTS GET TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

STAPLES Canada kicks off 4th annual "Back-to-School Supply Drive" to help children in-need

Richmond Hill, ON, August 5, 2009 – It's back-to-school time and not all children will be getting the most basic supplies they need to start the new school year. That's why STAPLES Canada is once again providing their customers across Canada with an opportunity to give the gift of education to students in need, with the STAPLES Back-to-School Supply Drive.

This year more than ever, donations are needed, as a recent STAPLES survey of teachers shows close to 30 per cent of teachers expect to spend less on school supplies for their classroom this year, than last year. The study also found that teachers have less disposable income to spend on their students, with 43 per cent saying they are trying to save money. The survey was conducted by STAPLES, and questioned a panel of teachers from June 25th to July 3rd, 2009.

"Last year was a big success. We raised a record amount of more than \$780,000 in supplies for students who would otherwise not have basic back to school supplies," said Alessandra Saccal, Public Relations Manager for STAPLES Canada.

This year's school supply drive launches August 8 and will end on September 12, across Canada. For the past four years, each STAPLES store across the country selects a local charity, organization or school in need and ensures that they receive the donations from their local community.

"Customers can purchase and drop off new school supplies into 'Back-to-School Supply Drive' bins located inside all STAPLES stores. These donations really make a difference for so many children." continued Saccal.

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Founded in Toronto in 1991, The Business Depot Ltd./STAPLES Canada Inc. is Canada's largest supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The company is an everyday low price retailer. The chain operates stores in all provinces across Canada under the banners STAPLES Canada and Bureau en Gros^{MC}. Marketing Magazine's Marketing/Leger 2008 Corporate Reputation Survey ranked STAPLES Canada/Bureau en Gros **number one among Canada's top 100 companies surveyed in Canada.** The company has over 13,500 employees serving customers through more than 300 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES, STAPLES[®] Business Depot[™]/ Bureau en Gros^{MC} is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop: online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca or www.easy.staples.ca.

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