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**NATIONAL RETAILER COLLECTS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS  
FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND CHARITIES**

*STAPLES CANADA CUSTOMERS HELP GIVE CHILDREN IN NEED THE TOOLS  
TO START SCHOOL WITH CONFIDENCE*

**Richmond Hill, ON, September 16, 2009** – The STAPLES Canada “Back-to-School Supply Drive” raised \$1,048,940 in donations for local schools, non-profit and community groups across Canada.

“This is a record for STAPLES! It’s important that we give back to our local communities and children in-need, giving them a head start in their early education,” said Steve Matyas, president of STAPLES Canada.

The “Back-to-School Supply Drive” started August 8 and ended September 12, with STAPLES stores across Canada collecting cash and school supply donations for local schools or organizations.

“During this tough economic year people answered the call to help those children less fortunate. At Staples, we like to give back to the communities in which we operate, it’s part of our corporate culture. ” said Matyas.

In the province of Quebec, Bureau en Gros stores donated their funds to le Club Des Petits Dejeuners du Quebec, to give children a head start to their school day by providing them with a healthy breakfast.

STAPLES’ corporate giving program, [community@work](mailto:community@work), supports programs with STAPLES’ values and vision of improving the quality of life in Canadian communities. STAPLES’ supports the three “E’s”: Education, Environment and Entrepreneurship. For more information, please visit: [www.staplesinthecommunity.ca](http://www.staplesinthecommunity.ca)

**About STAPLES Canada**

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<sup>MC</sup>. 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<sup>®</sup> Business Depot<sup>™</sup>/ Bureau en Gros<sup>MC</sup> 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](http://www.staples.ca).

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