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HELP SEND MESSAGES OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA ATHLETES

Give a Dollar. Share a Dream campaign kicks off today at STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros locations across the country

TORONTO, October 23, 2006 – Today STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros is launching its seventh annual “*Give a Dollar. Share a Dream.*” fundraising campaign to help send Special Olympic athletes to the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China.

STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros customers can help make Special Olympic athlete’s dreams come true by donating. With each donation, customers are given the opportunity to write messages of inspiration and encouragement on a postcard that will be delivered directly in the hands of the athletes preparing for the World Games.

The “*Give a Dollar. Share a Dream.*” campaign allows people across the country to help change the lives of athletes with an intellectual disability – just by donating,” said Deborah Bright, President and CEO of Special Olympics Canada. “STAPLES Business Depot continues to support the dream of Special Olympic athletes each year through fundraising campaigns and we are all very grateful for the ongoing support from STAPLES Business Depot and their customers.”

Over the past six years, the “*Give a Dollar, Share a Dream.*” campaign has raised more than \$2 million for Special Olympics Canada. This year, the goal is to raise over \$500,000.

The “*Give a Dollar. Share a Dream.*” campaign is an integral part of STAPLES Business Depot’s culture. Supporting Special Olympics Canada athletes and helping them achieve their goals is very important to us,” said Steve Matyas, President, STAPLES Business Depot. “This program continues to grow year after year and we are very proud to be a National Sponsor.”

Donations for the 2006 “*Give a Dollar. Share a Dream.*” campaign will be accepted at all STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros locations from Monday, October 23rd to Saturday, November 11th.

About Special Olympics Canada

Special Olympics Canada is dedicated to enriching the lives of Canadians with an intellectual disability through sport. It is a national not-for-profit organization that provides sport training and competition opportunities for over 31,000 athletes. More than 10,000 certified volunteer coaches are currently involved with Special Olympics programs nationwide. Special Olympics Canada’s programs are supported by corporate sponsorship, fundraising activities, government funding and the involvement of volunteers in each province across

the country. Special Olympics Canada National Games are held every two years, alternating between Summer and Winter Games with World Games being held in the year following National Games. For more information, please check out the website at www.specialolympics.ca.

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About STAPLES Business Depot

The Business Depot Ltd. was founded in Toronto in 1991. It 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® Business Depot™ and BUREAU EN GROS™. The company has over 13,000 employees serving customers through more than 260 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES® Business Depot™/BUREAU EN GROS™ is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop - on-line, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca.

About Staples

Staples, Inc. invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and today is the world's largest office products company. With 69,000 talented associates, the company is committed to making it easy to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With 2005 sales of \$16.1 billion, Staples serves consumers and businesses ranging from home-based businesses to Fortune 500 companies in 21 countries throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. Headquartered outside of Boston, Staples operates approximately 1,780 office superstores and also serves its customers through mail order catalog, e-commerce and contract businesses. More information is available at www.staples.com.

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