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**THE SIXTH ANNUAL *GIVE A DOLLAR. SHARE A DREAM* CAMPAIGN
IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA KICKS OFF TODAY
STAPLES Business Depot wants to make it EASY for Special Olympics Athletes
to attend the 2006 Canada Summer Games**

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TORONTO, ON - November 5, 2005 – STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS today kicks off their sixth annual *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* campaign to help send Special Olympics Athletes to the 11th Canada Summer Games in Brandon, Manitoba. Events will be held nationally across Canada at all STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS locations to support the two-week long fundraising campaign.

Give a Dollar. Share a Dream runs from **Saturday, November 5 to Sunday, November 20 at all STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS locations across Canada.**

It's EASY; customers are asked to contribute to the campaign by donating a dollar, then they write a personal message on the designated *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* postcard and at the end of the campaign the postcards will be shipped directly to participating athletes.

"Thanks to all our customers this campaign has been a fundraising success," said Steve Matyas, President, STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS. "Over the last five years we have raised over \$1.6 million for Special Olympics Canada through our *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* campaign."

"The Special Olympics National Games are held every two years," says Jim Jordan, President, Special Olympics Canada. "Proceeds raised from the *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* campaign will help send athletes from across Canada to Brandon, Manitoba to compete in the 2006 Canada Summer Games, which will be held from July 18th to July 23rd, 2006."

Special Olympics Canada is dedicated to enriching the lives of Canadians with an intellectual disability through sport. It is a national not-for-profit grassroots organization that provides sport training and competition opportunities for 30,000 athletes of all ages and abilities. More than 10,000 certified volunteer coaches are currently involved with Special Olympics programs every day in virtually every community nationwide. 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. Special Olympics Canada's programs are supported by corporate sponsorship, fundraising activities, government funding, individual donors and the involvement of volunteers in communities across the country. 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 11,500 employees serving customers through more than 245 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 65,000 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 2004 sales of \$14.4 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 1,716 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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