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STAPLES BUSINESS DEPOT AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA LAUNCH THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL *GIVE A DOLLAR. SHARE A DREAM* CAMPAIGN

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TORONTO, November 6, 2004 – STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS kicks off their fifth annual *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* campaign today to help send Special Olympics Athletes to the 8th World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Events will be held nationally across Canada at all STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS locations during the three-week long campaign.

Give a Dollar Share a Dream runs from **Saturday, November 6 to Sunday, November 28 at all STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS locations across Canada.**

Customer's can contribute to the fundraiser by donating a dollar and signing a Special Olympics, *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* post card. Customers can purchase *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* post cards, sign them and drop them into the designated mailbox to 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 four years we have raised over \$1.2 million for Special Olympics Canada through the *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream* campaign.”

“The Special Olympics World 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 Nagano, Japan to compete in the World Winter Games, which will be held from February 26th to March 5th.”

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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 28,000 athletes of all ages and abilities. More than 8,500 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.

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 230 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. In addition to the Canadian operation, Staples Inc. has stores operating in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands and Portugal.

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