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GIVE A DOLLAR. SHARE A DREAM. RAISES OVER \$525,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA

STAPLES Business Depot's fundraiser helps make dreams come true

Toronto, November 15, 2006 – Canadians across the country have helped to change the lives of athletes with an intellectual disability by donating over \$525,000 to the STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros *Give a Dollar. Share a Dream.* campaign.

To further show their support Canadians in all provinces signed more than 400,000 postcards throughout the three week campaign which will be sent directly to Special Olympics athletes at training camp.

Proceeds from *Give a Dollar, Share a Dream.* will help send Special Olympics athletes from across Canada to the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China.

"We want to thank everyone who has helped to make this year's campaign such a huge success," said Deborah Bright, President and CEO of Special Olympics Canada. "Once again, STAPLES Business Depot and their customers have stepped up to the plate and, this contribution will help make the athletes' dreams of attending World Games come true."

"As a national sponsor of Special Olympics Canada it is our pleasure to raise awareness and funding for this incredible organization," said Steve Matyas, President, STAPLES Business Depot. "For the past seven years we have supported Special Olympics with a corporate donation of over \$180,000 annually and this year is no exception. We are proud to support Special Olympics Canada and the good work they do for athletes with an intellectual disability."

Team Canada athlete hired at STAPLES Business Depot – Ottawa

Christina Judd-Campbell spent 'Host an Athlete Day' at the STAPLES on Bank St. in Ottawa. She made such a positive impression on General Manager Stephen Tanner he hired Christina on the spot. "Christina is a welcome addition to our team," said Tanner. "We know when she wins gold at the games she'll wave to her STAPLES family from the podium."

Christina is a rhythmic gymnast athlete and is excited that she will be going to the Summer World Games in Shanghai.

Cathy Campbell, Christina's mom, commented: "You cannot imagine how grateful we are they see her strengths and she feels so positive. This is every parent's wish and desire for their child. Kudos to Staples for having insightful staff"

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.

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 270 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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