

Give us your best shot! **Capture the “*Holiday Spirit*” and enter STAPLES 1st National Photo Contest**

Markham, ON - December 1, 2004 - Calling all enthusiastic photographers, STAPLES Business Depot/BUREAU EN GROS today launched its first ever holiday photo contest with the help of contest sponsors Epson and Konica Minolta.

The contest, which runs from December 1st, 2004 to January 10th, 2005 challenges amateur and professional digital photographers across the country to submit a picture that best captures their favourite "*Holiday Spirit Moment*."

"Digital photography and more affordable prices for digital cameras makes it effortless today for almost anyone taking pictures to create a great photograph that captures a special moment," says Mark Shanahan, Category Manager at STAPLES Business Depot. "That's why we're excited about launching our first ever photo challenge over the holiday season to encourage all photographers - from beginners to shutterbugs - to send us a picture that captures their best "*Holiday Spirit Moment*."

Contestants are asked to submit one photo per email in a JPEG format no larger than 1MB to photocontest@staples.ca. A digital camera must be used to capture the image. Only one photo per person is permitted.

Contest details, entry procedures and winning entries can be found at www.staples.ca/photocontest.

The winning entries will be posted in February.

Ten winners will be selected and will win prizes donated by Epson Canada and Konica Minolta Photo Imaging Canada Inc.

The first place winner will receive a 47" Epson Livingstation Television with stand. The second place winner will receive a Konica Minolta DiMAGE A2 8MP Digital Camera and a R300 Photo Printer. The rest of the top ten winners will receive a Konica Minolta DiMAGE G530 5MP Digital Camera and a R300 Photo Printer.

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