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Staples Donates \$5,000 to Cool Kids Learn at New Store Opening in Miramar

Local Leaders to Welcome Staples to Miramar Community at VIP Ribbon-Shredding Event

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (April 27, 2009) – Staples, Inc., (Nasdaq: SPLS) the world’s largest office products company, today presented Cool Kids Learn, a local organization that enhances children’s academic experiences through innovative programs, with a \$5,000 donation during the Staples’ Miramar store opening celebration. Staples General Manager Mike Landgraf, along with representatives from Cool Kids Learn and local community leaders, officially opened the store located at 12216 Miramar Parkway in Miramar, FL. Local Miramar residents were invited to join the ribbon-shredding ceremony for refreshments and to experience how Staples makes it easy to buy and save on office supplies.

“Staples is committed to making a difference in South Florida by giving back to the communities where our customers and associates live and work,” said Mike Landgraf, general manager of Staples. “We are extremely proud to bring that commitment to the Miramar community and partner with a great organization like Cool Kids Learn.”

The \$5,000 donation to Cool Kids Learn will be used to support its innovative programs such as Books & Basketball, a program that incorporates physical activity as a learning tool and Steps to Success, a program that offers personalized assistance with school work. Cool Kids Learn reaches 2,000 students in Miami-Dade and Broward counties each year.

“Cool Kids Learn was created to foster a strong educational background for children by creating modern programs and services that go beyond the classroom,” said Andrea Kilpatrick, president of Cool Kids Learn. “Thanks in part to Staples, we can reach more students and continue to help them secure a bright future.”

Adding More Stores For Greater Customer Convenience

The new Miramar Staples store's regular hours will be Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The store will employ approximately 20 full and part-time associates.

Making It Easy to Save on Office Products

The new 20,445-square-foot store is designed to make it easy for small business and home office customers to shop for office products and services. Featuring 7,000 products, the company offers great savings on core necessities for small businesses such as ink and toner, business machines and innovative Staples® brand products. For example, Staples MailMate M5 shredder and 16-Sheet Microcut shredder are two of the seven new models available within Staples' line of [shredders](#) equipped with powerful technologies and safety features, such as titanium cutters and anti-jam technology. The new store also provides other Staples signature services, including the [Staples Copy & Print Center](#) (full-service copying and printing services with 100 percent quality guarantee), [Staples Promotional Products](#) (customized promotional product solutions to make brands more visible and memorable), [Easy Tech](#) (technology support, including computer set up and repair, software installation and upgrades), [Easy Rebates](#) (paperless, on-line rebate submission process) and the [Staples Rewards](#) program, which currently offers 10 percent back in rewards on ink and toner, case and ream paper and Copy & Print Center purchases.

Staples also makes it easy for customers to make a difference for the environment – what it calls [EcoEasy](#) – by offering more than 3,000 eco-friendly products, green Copy & Print Centers and [in-store recycling](#) for computers, office technology, and personal electronics. Additionally, Staples offers a comprehensive ink and toner recycling program that pays customers \$3 back in Staples Rewards for recycling any brand of cartridge.

Supporting Local Communities

Staples continues to demonstrate its commitment to South Florida by supporting grassroots community organizations near its stores. Since its first local store opening, Staples and its charitable arm, Staples Foundation for Learning, have donated nearly \$500,000 to educational, non-profit and community organizations in the area. In addition, each South Florida store has

adopted a local non-profit partner by contributing funds or providing much-needed support, such as office product donations.

The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc. is to teach, train and inspire. Founded in 2002, the foundation has contributed \$14 million dollars to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Staples Foundation for Learning has also developed lasting relationships with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Earth Force, Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City.

About Staples

Staples, the world's largest office products company, is committed to making it easy for customers to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With 2008 sales of \$23 billion and 91,000 associates worldwide, Staples serves businesses of all sizes and consumers in 27 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In July 2008, Staples acquired Corporate Express, one of the world's leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. Staples invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and is headquartered outside Boston. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at www.staples.com.

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