

Office Depot Foundation Donates Relief Supplies in Louisiana

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Partnership with Feed the Children Sends Three Truckloads to Affected Areas

BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 19, 2016-- The Office Depot Foundation (the "Foundation") is working with the international relief organization Feed the Children to sponsor the delivery of three truckloads of supplies for distribution in the communities affected by the recent flooding in southeastern Louisiana.

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization that serves as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot Inc. (NASDAQ: ODP). Support for disaster relief and recovery is one of the Foundation's key strategic priorities.

"We are always saddened to learn of tragedies that touch the lives of our associates and our communities," said Mary Wong, president of the Foundation. "We have a longstanding relationship with Feed the Children and know that we can always rely on them to deliver assistance where needed in difficult times."

Two truckloads of relief supplies, personal hygiene items and food will be delivered today in Baton Rouge. A third truckload of relief supplies will be delivered at a later date for community residents. Together, the items being sent to Louisiana with the Office Depot Foundation's support are valued at approximately \$150,000.

"Because of the generosity of the Office Depot Foundation, Feed the Children is able to aid families who need us most," said J.C. Watts, Jr., Feed the Children president and CEO. "Together we can provide assistance to the resilient residents of Louisiana."

In addition to the Feed the Children partnership, the Foundation also will make a \$5,000 donation to the Humane Society to assist with relief and recovery efforts for pets and their families.

To support long-term recovery, the Office Depot Foundation sponsors the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Corporate Citizenship Center's National Disaster Help Desk for Business – a toll-free, 24-hour hotline at 1-888-MY-BIZ-HELP (888-692-4943), which assists small businesses and nonprofit organizations with disaster relief, recovery and rebuilding. The Help Desk also can be reached via e-mail at bclchelpdesk@uschamber.com. Business owners, chamber leaders and individuals are encouraged to contact the Help Desk if:

- They are in the impact area and want help navigating assistance programs from FEMA, the Small Business Administration and others;
- They want information about business resilience and recovery best practices; or
- They want to provide support to businesses coping with this disaster.

About the Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation – tax exempt under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3) – that serves as the independent charitable giving arm of Office Depot, Inc. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care®, the Foundation supports a variety of programs that give children tools to succeed in school and in life; build the capacity of nonprofit organizations through collaboration and innovation; and help communities prepare for disasters, as well as recovering and rebuilding afterwards. For more information, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

About Feed the Children

Established in 1979, Feed the Children exists to end child hunger. It is one of the largest U.S.-based charities and serves those in need in the U.S. and in 10 countries around the world. It provides food, education, essentials and disaster relief. Domestically, it operates 5 distribution centers (located in Oklahoma, Indiana, California, Tennessee and Pennsylvania). In fiscal year 2015, Feed the Children distributed 107 million pounds of food and essentials valued at \$302 million to people in the U.S., and internationally, it sponsored nearly 24,500 children, addressing the root causes of poverty through child sponsorship and school sponsorship. It is accredited by GuideStar Exchange and the BBB Wise Giving Alliance as well as maintains a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Visit www.feedthechildren.org for more information.

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