

Community Heroes



Office Depot partnered with the School District of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Business Journal to provide backpacks and school supplies for 8,000 disadvantaged students in the Philadelphia area. Pictured are (from left) Paul Vallas, Superintendent of Philadelphia Schools; Ellen Savitz, Director, Community Affairs; Office Depot District Sales Manager Mike Angelo; Philadelphia Business Journal Editor Lyn Kremer; and Larry Howard, General Manager for the Gallery at Market East Shopping Center.



Ken Ash, Regional Vice President of

Office Depot, presented the "Best New Ability Hospital or Rehabilitation Facility" Award to Shriners Hospital for Children during the World Ability Federation's 2004 "New Ability Awards" Gala, held at Navy Pier in Chicago. Office Depot was a sponsor of the gala, which acknowledges individuals and organizations that help to bring focus on a person's ability rather than his or her disability. This event brings together government leaders, corporate America, philanthropists and those organizations that work directly to support people with disabilities.

Ann Winne, BSD Account Manager in West Des Moines, Iowa, proudly sent us the photo below showing her cousin, Nicholas Lloyd (back row, third from left) and his comrades in Iraq. "My location had some Office Depot apple stress balls left over from a show," Ann reports. "I sent him and his platoon some of these stress balls and they really did appreciate it. They are without anything over there. I try to send care packages when I can to my cousin and he in turn will share some of his items with the men who do not get packages at all."



Monica Luechtefeld (center), EVP of Global E-Commerce, joins children, family members and Company employees for the kick-off of the 2004 Walk F.A.R. for NAAR held on Office Depot's Corporate Campus. The event raised more than \$100,000 to support the National Alliance for Autism Research.



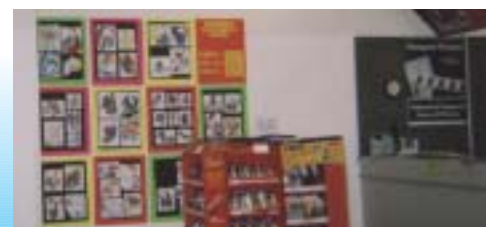
(At left) Children visit with one of the characters from "The Snow Girl" prior to a performance in Boca Raton, Fla. Office Depot is supporting a multicultural family entertainment series at the Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park.



To help communities along the Gulf of Mexico recover from the destruction wreaked by Hurricane Ivan, Office Depot made contributions to the school systems in Baldwin County, Ala. (left), and Escambia County, Fla.



Mel Hart, Manager of Store 530 in Bloomington, Ind., organized his store's annual Help the Kids Campaign in partnership with a local bank and radio station to collect money for back-to-school supplies.



Store 961 in Oakland, Calif., is building a partnership with Bay Area schools. The managers and employees are proud to support talented schoolchildren by displaying their artwork on the store's walls.