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### **Hundreds of Backpacks to be Donated to Area Kids** *Rep. Fritchey, Office Depot Team Up Again This Year*

**Chicago** – State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) is again teaming up with Office Depot to provide backpacks to local school children. With the generous support of the Office Depot Foundation, Representative Fritchey will provide 200 backpacks to local families in preparation of the upcoming school year.

The announcement was made at an event at the Office Depot located in Rep. Fritchey’s 11<sup>th</sup> District, at 2928 North Ashland. Rep. Fritchey was joined at the event by officials from the Office Depot Foundation as well as NASCAR championship driver Tony Stewart.

“It is important for our corporate citizens to give back to the community and I am thankful for the support that Office Depot continues to show our community year after year,” stated Rep. Fritchey. “This is a great program in which I have been a proud participant for several years now. These backpacks have a tremendous impact on the lives of the children and families who receive them.”

The Office Depot Foundation has been donating backpacks to local non-profit organizations and schools since 2001. By the end of this year, they will have donated more than 2.3 million backpacks to school children.

“By placing backpacks containing essential school supplies into the hands of deserving children...the Foundation is giving them important tools that they need to start school with confidence—and helping them to enhance their success during the year,” stated Mary Wong, President of the Office Depot Foundation.



NASCAR Championship Driver Tony Stewart presented backpacks to Representative Fritchey and Chicago area students.

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