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**Kids in Need Foundation Receives \$10,000 Grant
from Staples Foundation for Learning**

Funds will Support Teacher School Supply Resource Centers

Dayton, OH (July XX, 2008) – Kids in Need Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides free school supplies to ensure students are prepared to learn and succeed, today announced it has received a \$10,000 grant from Staples Foundation for Learning (SFFL), a private foundation created by Staples, Inc. Funding from SFFL will support Kids in Need’s 2008 National Network Summit, a two-day seminar designed to educate Kids in Need Resource Center employees and volunteers about best practices in several areas, including fundraising, retail merchandising, marketing, public relations and volunteer recruitment. This is the fourth grant Kids in Need Foundation has received from Staples Foundation for Learning, totaling \$65,000 in support of their educational programs. Staples, Inc. has also been an in-kind supporter of Kids in Need Foundation, donating more than \$1.6 million in supplies since 2002

“Kids in Need provides free school supplies to more than 100,000 teachers and 1.5 million students through local Resource Centers nationwide,” said David Smith, executive director of the Kids in Need Foundation. “The support we’re receiving from Staples Foundation for Learning will enable us to train Resource Center employees and ensure they are well-equipped to run daily operations, which ultimately results in improved teacher satisfaction and increased classroom supplies for underserved students throughout the country.”

“Kids in Need Foundation’s unique distribution network helps level the academic playing field for underserved students by providing them with supplies necessary to achieve academic success,” said Joy Errico director of Community Relations for Staples, Inc. “Staples Foundation for Learning looks forward to continuing its support of Kids in Need Resource Centers across the country.”

About Kids in Need Foundation

Kids in Need Foundation is a national non-profit organization providing school supplies to impoverished children and under-funded teachers. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995, the Foundation’s mission is to ensure that every child is prepared to learn and succeed by providing free school supplies nationally to students most in need. The Kids in Need Foundation has distributed more than \$300 million in school supplies and has awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to teachers since its founding. For more information, please visit www.kidsinneed.net

About Staples Foundation for Learning

The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc. is to teach, train and inspire. Founded in 2002, the foundation has contributed more than \$12.5 million 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. In addition, Staples Foundation for Learning supports Ashoka, an organization that develops and supports social entrepreneurs around the world, in eight countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and the United States. For more information about the foundation or how to apply for a grant, please visit www.staplesfoundation.org.

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