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BIG LOTS RAISES MORE THAN 3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR THE FALL 2017 CAMPAIGN

Columbus, Ohio (November 1, 2017) – Big Lots announced today the completion of the company's fourth Give Big for Kids point-of-sale fundraising campaign benefiting Nationwide Children's Hospital. The four-and-a-half-week campaign collected donations in all 1,426 Big Lots stores, raising an impressive \$3.1 million dollars.

"Raising more than 3 million dollars during our fall campaign shows just how much our customers and associates care about helping kids all over the country," said David Campisi, President and CEO of Big Lots. "One hundred percent of those dollars go directly to important research and life-saving care."

Nationwide Children's is America's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare system, delivering world-class care for more than 1.4 million patient visits each year. The hospital treats children all over the world and from across the nation, providing more than \$114 million in charity care and community benefit services each year. Doctors and researchers are revolutionizing children's healthcare and research at Nationwide Children's.

"Big Lots, the Big Lots Foundation and their customers and associates continue to show their immense generosity and compassion for the patients and families we treat and on behalf of everyone at Nationwide Children's Hospital, we could not be more grateful," said Steve Allen, MD, CEO of Nationwide Children's. "Big Lots is helping us fulfill our vision of delivering the best healthcare for children, as well as having a lasting impact on the long-term health of the children we treat across the globe."

In addition to spearheading the Give Big for Kids campaign, on August 31, 2016, Big Lots together with the Big Lots Foundation announced a \$50 million transformational gift to Nationwide Children's Hospital to construct the largest behavioral health treatment and research center of its kind dedicated to children and adolescents on a pediatric medical campus in the U.S. This specific type of commitment by Big Lots represents the single largest corporate financial gift to support pediatric behavioral health. Slated to open in 2020, the Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion will be a 386,000 square-foot treatment and research pavilion that will care for children and teens with mental illness and behavioral health challenges. It will also house behavioral health researchers and will foster collaboration between community partners.

To learn more about Nationwide Children's Hospital, visit Nationwidchildrens.org.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a community retailer operating 1,426 BIG LOTS stores in 47 states, dedicated to friendly service, trustworthy value, and affordable solutions in every season and category – furniture, food, décor, and more. We exist to serve everyone like family, providing a better shopping experience for our customers, valuing and developing our associates, and creating growth for our shareholders. Big Lots supports the communities it serves through the Big Lots Foundation, a charitable organization focused on four areas of need: hunger, housing, healthcare, and education. For more information about the Company, visit www.biglots.com.

About Nationwide Children's Hospital

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2017-18 list of "America's Best Children's Hospitals," Nationwide Children's Hospital is America's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare system providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children's has a staff of more than 13,000 providing state-of-the-art pediatric care during more than 1.4 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of the Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the Top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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