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**BIG LOTS PARTNERS WITH NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ON FALL
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT KIDS EVERYWHERE**

Retailer Offers Donation Platform in All Stores and Online

Columbus, Ohio (September 28, 2017) – Big Lots announced today the relaunch of their Give Big for Kids national point-of-sale fundraising campaign to benefit Nationwide Children's Hospital and its efforts to provide care to children in all 50 states and more than 52 countries from around the world. Donations will be accepted September 28th through October 29th at Big Lots stores and online with 100 percent of all proceeds raised directly supporting the hospital.

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 from all over the world and provides more than \$114 million in charity care and community benefit each year. Doctors and researchers are revolutionizing pediatric healthcare and research at Nationwide Children's.

"We are very fortunate to have generous customers," said David Campisi, President and CEO of Big Lots. "Together we're helping kids everywhere by supporting Nationwide Children's, and that really shows through this campaign."

In addition to 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 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 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 foster collaboration between community partners.

To learn more about the Give Big for Kids campaign and make a donation online visit biglots.com/give4kids.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a unique, non-traditional, discount retailer operating 1,428 BIG LOTS stores in 47 states with product assortments in the merchandise categories of Furniture, Seasonal, Soft Home, Food, Consumables, Hard Home, and Electronics, Toys, & Accessories. Our vision is to be recognized for providing an outstanding 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 nearly 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.