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BIG LOTS IS THE ULTIMATE REAL GIFTS DESTINATION

Customers Find Brand Name Gifts at the Prices They Want

COLUMBUS, OHIO (December 1, 2014) — Big Lots knows that no matter how much shoppers prepare for the holidays, they may find themselves out of gift ideas and turning to gift cards. But with Big Lots' help, shoppers don't have to give random or impersonal gift cards. Big Lots is the ultimate destination for gift shopping done right, a place where shoppers can be inspired to give thoughtful, real gifts to everyone on their list—at incredible bargains.

With its [Create a Basket](#) department, Big Lots makes it easy to design a personalized gift basket. Customers can build deluxe themed baskets that anyone will love, whether it's a spa basket for a child's teacher or a gourmet food basket for the mailman. These hand-picked Christmas baskets are simple, personalized gifts that will brighten anyone's holiday.

"Big Lots understands that moms want everyone to feel special during the holidays," stated Andrew Stein, Senior Vice President, Chief Customer Officer, Big Lots. "Creating personalized experiences through our [Create a Basket](#) program allows Mom to purchase brand-name fragrances, toys or seasonal items and deliver an individual, hand-picked gift any time she wants, even at the last minute."

Big Lots has brought [#StandUpMom](#) back to deliver funny and truthful thoughts on the holidays. They deliver with a real mom panache and a comedic wink that celebrates how Mom does the heavy lifting to make the holiday season the pinnacle of the year's family festivities. And #StandUpMom knows she can count on Big Lots for everything to make the holiday shine—from what's on the table to what's under the tree.

With fewer than 24 days to Christmas, Big Lots has extended its shopping hours. Starting Dec. 5, customers will be able to shop as early as 8 a.m. and as late as 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sunday hours vary by location. Customers can check the [store locator](#) to confirm the hours of their neighborhood Big Lots.

Big Lots stores will be closed for Christmas to allow its associates the opportunity to celebrate the holiday with their families. They will reopen at 8 a.m. on Dec. 26.

To learn more about Big Lots, speak with a company representative or arrange a store visit this holiday season, contact the Big Lots Media Hotline at 1-877-614-1274.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a unique, non-traditional, discount retailer operating 1,496 BIG LOTS stores in 48 states with product assortments in the merchandise categories of Food, Consumables, Furniture & Home Décor, Seasonal, Soft Home, Hard Home, and Electronics & 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. For more information, contact MediaRelations@biglots.com or visit www.biglots.com