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**BIG LOTS PARTNERS WITH NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO SUPPORT
CARE AND LIFESAVING RESEARCH FOR KIDS**

Retailer Offers Donation Platform in All Stores and Online through October

Columbus, Ohio (September 28, 2015) — Today, [Big Lots](#) (NYSE: BIG) announced customers will have the opportunity to donate in-store at all 1,464 store locations and online to support Nationwide Children's Hospital and the lifesaving research and care provided for children from around the country and across the world. The program will run from September 26 through October 31 with 100 percent of the proceeds raised going to support Nationwide Children's.

"We at Big Lots are thankful we can help make a difference in the lives of children by offering this donation opportunity," said CEO David Campisi. "When customers shop Big Lots, they will now have the chance to donate to Nationwide Children's Hospital to support lifesaving research and care efforts—essentially, they can 'pay it forward' from the money they save when they discover great merchandise at our everyday low prices. Our associates are energized about the opportunity to support such a great organization financially through this company initiative and our recently established Big Lots Foundation."

Nationwide Children's is one of America's largest pediatric healthcare and research centers delivering care for more than 1 million patient visits each year. In the last year alone, the hospital has treated children from 49 states and 41 countries around the world while providing nearly \$130 million in charity care and community benefit. Patients travel from around the nation to access lifesaving treatments—many of which are unavailable anywhere else. Doctors and researchers are revolutionizing children's healthcare and research at Nationwide Children's.

To learn more about Big Lots, speak with a company representative or arrange a store visit, contact the Big Lots Media Hotline at 1-877-614-1274. To donate, please visit biglots.com/givebig.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a unique, non-traditional, discount retailer operating 1,464 BIG LOTS stores in 47 states with product assortments in the merchandise categories of Food, Consumables, Furniture, 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. 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

Ranked 9th of only 12 children's hospitals on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015-16 "America's Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll," Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare networks 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 medical staff of 1,100 and nearly 10,000 employees providing state-of-the-art pediatric care for one 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. Nationwide Children's remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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