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**Big Lots Raises \$3 Million During Its Fall “Give Big for Kids” Campaign for Nationwide Children’s Hospital**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 8, 2019 – Big Lots announced today the conclusion of the company’s eighth point-of-sale fundraising campaign that benefits Nationwide Children’s Hospital. The “Give Big for Kids” campaign raised a total of \$3.05 million in more than 1,400 stores that employ over 35,000 Big Lots associates. Over the past four years, the dedicated Big Lots team has raised nearly \$23 million through point-of-sale operations.

One-hundred percent of the donations from Big Lots customers will help fund lifesaving research and care at Nationwide Children’s.

“We have been so proud to continue our partnership with Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the lifesaving work they do,” said Bruce Thorn, President and CEO of Big Lots. “With each in-store campaign, our compassionate customers and enthusiastic store teams continue to support our mission of helping kids everywhere. They are the BIG difference for a better life.”

In 2016, Big Lots and the Big Lots Foundation joined Nationwide Children’s in addressing childhood behavioral health and mental illness when they announced a \$50 million transformational gift to the hospital to construct the Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. The Pavilion will open in March 2020, and the freestanding facility will be fully dedicated to children and adolescents with behavioral health conditions. It will be the largest behavioral health treatment and research center dedicated to children and adolescents on a pediatric medical campus in the U.S.

“On behalf of the families all over the country that we serve, I thank Big Lots and their dedicated associates and customers for helping us care for every child, for every reason,” said Steve Testa, President, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation. “Through their vision, leadership, and generosity, Big Lots is positively impacting pediatric healthcare everywhere.”

### **About Big Lots, Inc.**

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots, Inc. (NYSE: BIG) is a discount retailer operating 1,418 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 mission is to help people Live BIG and Save Lots. We strive to be the BIG difference for a better life by delivering unmatched value to our customers through surprise and delight, being a “best places to work” culture for our associates, rewarding our shareholders with consistent growth and top tier returns, and doing good in our communities as we do well. For more information about the Company, visit [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com).

### **About Nationwide Children’s Hospital**

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2019-20 list of “Best Children’s Hospitals,” Nationwide Children’s Hospital is one of America’s largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric health care systems 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 1.5 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 Abigail Wexner 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](http://NationwideChildrens.org).