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**Big Lots is Ready for Business in Galveston**

*Shelves Stocked with Unbelievable Deals as Nation's Largest  
Broadline Closeout Chain Reopens Hurricane-Damaged Store*

COLUMBUS, OH (April 21, 2009) — From dining room sets to diapers and everything in between, Galveston residents will again have a convenient source for incredible deals at unmatched value when Big Lots reopens its once hurricane-damaged store in the Broadway Shopping Center at 5910 Broadway, Galveston.

Slated to open the doors at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 26, Big Lots will have refreshments available for customers as they check out the great new deals Big Lots has to offer.

“So many people were affected by Hurricane Ike,” said CEO Steve Fishman. “It’s challenging for residents to rebuild their lives after losing so much, but we are excited about our opportunity to reopen our doors and do our part to help Galveston residents put the pieces back together.”

At Big Lots, items typically sell for 20 to 40 percent less than discount stores and up to 70 percent below traditional retailers. Built on offering bargain-priced basics and brand-name deals, the Galveston Big Lots will feature a diverse assortment of products at prices any customer would find hard to pass up.

“At Big Lots, everyone can afford their favorite brands,” said Rob Claxton, Senior Vice President of Marketing. “Our easy-to-shop stores and extreme brand-name deals have been big hits with our customers for decades, and we are thrilled to bring that back to Galveston shoppers.”

The new Galveston Big Lots will carry thousands of everyday items, health and beauty aids, toiletries, diapers, cleaning products, small electronics, food items, housewares, home décor, tools, toys, gifts, and one-time deals that loyal Big Lots shoppers rave

about. Big Lots also offers high-quality seasonal products and great values on a full assortment of brand-name furniture and Serta mattresses.

Customers can take advantage of extra savings and sneak previews by signing up for the Buzz Club at [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com). Buzz Club members have the advantage of receiving Big Lots ads in advance of non-members while receiving additional offers and discounts.

To learn more about Big Lots, arrange a store visit, or speak with a company representative, contact Jackie Emig at (614) 278-6903.

**About Big Lots, Inc.**

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is a Fortune 500 company with more than 1,300 stores in 47 states. As the nation's largest broadline closeout retailer, Big Lots offers consumers a wide range of bargain-priced merchandise, including brand-name closeouts, seasonal products, consumables, furniture, housewares, toys, and gifts. The Company also sells merchandise via the internet at [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com) and through its wholesale operations which are conducted through BIG LOTS WHOLESALE, CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL, and WISCONSIN TOY and [www.biglotswholesale.com](http://www.biglotswholesale.com)

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