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### **Burlington Stores Raises More Than \$500,000 for DonorsChoose.org to Help Classrooms Nationwide**

*Donation provides teachers and students with the materials and resources needed  
to deliver an excellent education*

**NEW YORK, NY, November 5, 2015** – Burlington Stores, the national off-price retailer offering designer merchandise at everyday low prices, teamed up with DonorsChoose.org this back-to-school season and raised \$515,382 to help classrooms in need nationwide through customer donations at check out. Monies raised will now be used to fund more than 850 teacher posted projects throughout the country, benefitting 25,000 students and 1,000 teachers.

According to a survey by the National School Supply and Equipment Association, public school teachers spend \$1.6 billion out of pocket each year for supplies and gear for their classrooms. DonorsChoose.org is a national non-profit organization that makes it easy for anyone to help teachers and students in need. U.S. public school teachers use the crowdfunding platform to request resources for classroom projects. Project needs range from basic supplies like pencils, markers, and paper, to more substantial requests like lab equipment, books, musical instruments and technology. Once a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org sends the materials to the school.

In advance of the partnership, Burlington funded 120 school projects, filtering over \$83,000 into public schools, benefitting 12,673 students and 107 teachers. These activities aided classrooms located within communities surrounding the retailer's new store openings this past spring. And this fall, Burlington is continuing to fund local school projects surrounding their store openings over the next few months.

In addition to funding local projects around store openings, this holiday season, Burlington Stores will provide the opportunity for donors to extend their generous holiday-time donations on DonorsChoose.org through a matching program. Starting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, donors can enter the promo code “BURLINGTON” to have their donations matched by the retailer, up to \$100,000 of total consumer donations.

“We can’t thank Burlington Stores enough for helping us raise awareness with its customers to help thousands of students nationwide,” said Charles Best, founder and CEO of DonorsChoose.org. “We are happy to continue this partnership with Burlington through the fall.”

“Burlington is committed to giving back to the communities in which we live and work and I am thankful to our millions of customers and thousands of associates nationwide that have helped to make our first time partnership with DonorsChoose.org a success. As a result of our contribution, students all across the country can now have a more valued educational experience,” said Tom Kingsbury, chairman and CEO of Burlington Stores.

### **About Burlington Stores**

Burlington Stores is a national off-price retailer offering style for less at up to 65 percent off department store prices every day. Departments include ladies’ dresses, suits, sportswear, juniors, accessories, menswear, family footwear and children’s clothing. It also includes an assortment of furniture and accessories for baby at Baby Depot, home décor and gifts, along with the largest selection of coats in the nation for the entire family. Burlington Stores has 560 stores in 45 States and Puerto Rico. For more, visit [www.BurlingtonStores.com](http://www.BurlingtonStores.com).

### **About DonorsChoose.org**

Founded in 2000, DonorsChoose.org makes it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. At this nonprofit website, teachers at over half of all the public schools in America have created project requests, and more than 1.9 million people have donated \$365 million to projects that inspire them. All told, 16 million students—most from low-income communities, and many in disaster-stricken areas—have received books, art supplies, field trips, technology, and other resources that they need to learn.

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