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## ROSS DRESS FOR LESS® HOLDS IN-STORE FUNDRAISER TO HELP LOCAL KIDS THRIVE IN TUCSON

11th Annual Event Being Held February 8th Through March 2nd to Support Homework Help Program at Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson

**TUCSON, AZ February 10, 2025**– Every year, more than three million young people are served by Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. To show their continued support in preparing today's youth for a brighter tomorrow, Ross Stores, Inc. is partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs of America for the 11th annual three-week in-Store "Help Local Kids Thrive" fundraiser. Beginning February 8 through March 2, Customers in Tucson can donate to Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson during checkout at their local Ross Dress for Less ("Ross") Store. The Ross Stores Foundation will match donations, up to \$500,000, in addition to support that Ross provides Boys & Girls Clubs of America throughout the year. Customers' donations will go toward the Club's Power Hour program, providing homework help and academic resources to Club youth in Tucson and across the country.

"Ross is proud of our long-standing partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs, and we are excited to host our 11th annual in-Store fundraiser to 'Help Local Kids Thrive.' Each year, the Ross Stores Foundation, our Associates, and our generous Customers join forces to raise funds for Clubs nationwide and their Power Hour homework help program. Together, we are committed to providing kids in communities across the country with the academic support they need to achieve big goals," said Matt Young, Group Senior Vice President, Ross Stores.

Rooted in a shared commitment to help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens, this annual fundraiser ensures local kids and teens have the resources to succeed in school and turn those academic achievements into great futures.

"This promotion has been a great success in Tucson, and we've greatly benefited from their generous philanthropy. Their team truly serves as ambassadors for our mission, sharing our commitment to supporting youth in the community. We're grateful for the strong relationship with the local stores and proud to honor this partnership. *Denise Watters*". CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson.

## **Campaign Facts:**

- This February, Ross Stores is inviting customers to give at the register to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of America from February 8th March 2nd. Ross will match the first \$500,000 raised!
- 100% of the funds raised at each store will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs, with 80% being directed to a Club in the community.
- Ross is the national sponsor of BGCA's <u>Power Hour</u>, a program that provides kids and teens the
  opportunity to do their homework in a safe place, in-person or virtually, with support from Boys &
  Girls Club staff.
- Every \$5 donation helps provide one-half hour of homework help for a Club youth. \$10 can give a
  teen an hour of help with college applications. \$15 provides a kid with one and a half hours of
  science experiments.
- This is the 11th annual Help Local Kids Thrive fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs. Together with its Customers, Associates, and the Ross Stores Foundation, Ross has raised and donated more than \$50 million to support BGCA and Power Hour.

## **About Ross Stores**

Ross Stores, Inc. is an S&P 500, Fortune 500, and Nasdaq 100 (ROST) company headquartered in Dublin, California, with fiscal 2023 revenues of \$20.4 billion. Currently, the Company operates Ross Dress for Less® ("Ross"), the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the United States with 1,836 locations in 43 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name-brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear, and home fashions for the entire family at savings of 20% to 60% off department and specialty store regular prices every day. The Company also operates 356 dd's DISCOUNTS® stores in 22 states that feature a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name-brand apparel, accessories, footwear, and home fashions for the entire family at savings of 20% to 70% off moderate department and discount store regular prices every day. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.rossstores.com">www.rossstores.com</a>.

For over 67 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson (BGCT) has been a cornerstone of support for the local community, empowering youth and providing them with opportunities for growth and success. Today, BGCT operates six clubhouses and offers more than 40 after-school and summer programs that focus on five core areas: Character & Leadership, Academic Success, Health & Wellness, Arts, and Sports, Esports & Recreation. Each year, the organization serves over 4,200 youth, offering a safe and nurturing environment where they can build skills, form meaningful relationships, and receive mentorship. BGCT also provides over 55,000 meals and 13,000 snacks annually, ensuring that children are nourished both physically and emotionally. With a strong focus on academic achievement, over 2,000 hours are dedicated to homework support per youth, and sports programs, including basketball, volleyball, baseball, and pickleball, engage more than 4,000 young athletes. BGCT's commitment to the youth of Tucson continues to foster a brighter future for generations to come.