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Huntington Bank Grants \$2 Million To Nationwide Children's Hospital 'Be The Reason' Campaign

Donation to help more than 330,000 at-risk and underserved children access healthcare with emphasis on early diagnosis and treatment of behavioral health conditions

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Huntington Bank](#) (NASDAQ: HBAN) announced a 10-year, \$2 million grant to Nationwide Children's Hospital in support of innovative programs to improve overall health and wellness in the community. The gift, which is one of the largest ever to a single nonprofit in Huntington's 151-year history, will aid in the delivery of high-quality, community-based healthcare, with an emphasis on advancing the hospital's ability to diagnose and treat behavioral health conditions.



"With the leadership and support of organizations like Huntington, we continue to make profound advancements in the delivery of healthcare across central Ohio," says Steve Allen, MD, CEO of Nationwide Children's Hospital. "Huntington understands the inherent link between community health and wellness and individual and regional prosperity. Their leadership in presenting this generous gift is a tremendous example of their continued work as a caring partner and citizen."

"The strongest communities flourish as a result of a strong commitment to high-quality healthcare," says Steve Steinour, Chairman, President and CEO of Huntington Bank. "Nationwide Children's Hospital's community-based programs bring leading-edge outreach to those most vulnerable when and where they need it. We're proud to support their commitment to helping children, their families and our communities thrive."

Huntington's grant supports the [Partners for Kids](#) program which, for 23 years, has consistently increased the quality of healthcare provided to more than 330,000 at-risk and underserved children and adolescents across 34 Ohio counties. This includes the opportunity to connect children with the behavioral health resources they need, as one in every five children lives with a behavioral health diagnosis, while only 50 percent who need it actively receive care.

Among these resources will soon be the [Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion](#), the largest behavioral health treatment and research center of its kind dedicated to children and adolescents on a pediatric medical campus in the U.S. Slated to open in 2020, the 386,000-

square foot treatment and research pavilion will house behavioral health researchers and foster collaboration between community partners caring for children and teens with mental illness and behavioral health challenges.

Huntington Bank's commitment to making people's lives better and communities stronger is inclusive of strategic business and philanthropic investment in economic development, financial education and social services activities and programs that foster economic self-sufficiency. Learn more at <https://www.huntington.com/Community/corporate-giving>

About Nationwide Children's Hospital

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on U.S. News & World Report's 2017-18 list of "America's Best Children's Hospitals," Nationwide Children's Hospital is America's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare system 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 nearly 13,000 providing state-of-the-art pediatric care during more than 1.4 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. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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