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London Drugs creates a Valentine's card collection that celebrates all love.

The Canadian retailer partnered with dozens of local artists to create a collection of cards as diverse as their customers.



February 7, 2020, VANCOUVER, BC - Ahead of Valentine's Day, London Drugs is launching a line of Valentine's cards designed by Canadian illustrators for communities that aren't typically represented in the greeting card aisle.

<u>Cards For All</u> is a Valentine's card collection made to reflect all kinds of love and all kinds of relationships. The collection of 31 cards was designed for everyone to share their love, regardless of the language they speak, how they identify, sexual orientation, or the makeup of their relationship(s).



All proceeds from the cards are being donated to United Way community initiatives in Western Canada, where they're helping to build vibrant, inclusive neighbourhoods.

"Valentine's Day cards don't always fully capture relationship diversity and the diversity of love," says Clint Mahlman, President & COO, London Drugs. "We are proud to have worked with illustrators to help bring Cards For All to life, filling in some of the gaps that exist in the card aisle today. We're also proud to have 100% of the proceeds go to United Way initiatives in the communities we serve."

The cards are designed to help more people share their love, whether they're straight, gay,



bisexual, transgender, non-binary, or anywhere else on the LGBTQ+ spectrum. There are cards for common law, open relationships, and even non-romantic relationships—cards for a coworker, a single friend, or a roommate. As well as some of Canada's most common languages outside of English and French, like Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, Tagalog, and even Braille.

London Drugs partnered with Canadian artists, with many having a connection to the community they designed the card for. For example, Izzy Gibson, an illustrator from Vancouver who has been openly bisexual since her teens, says she's seen how the world has changed and is becoming more open to all forms of love. "It's important to embrace love. That was my inspiration for the card. There's always more room in the world for more kindness," says Gibson.

"Everyone deserves to share and receive love," says Mahlman. "Valentine's Day needs to be more inclusive and so we are excited to bring this first-ever Cards For All initiative to our customers at select locations. We hope our customers love the cards as much as we do, and we'll expand it to many more stores next year."

The <u>Cards For All</u> collection can be found at 20 London Drugs stores across Western Canada, including Granville & Georgia, West Broadway, Robson Street, 41st and Victoria, Wessex Kingsway, Hastings & Abbott, Vancouver House, and Davie Street locations in Vancouver beginning Friday, February 7. All cards retail at \$5 with 100% of the proceeds going to United Way. The full list of London Drugs stores stocking the collection can be found here and follow the campaign at #CardsForAll.

ABOUT LONDON DRUGS

Founded in 1945, B.C.-based London Drugs has 83 stores in more than 35 major markets throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba including its online store www.LondonDrugs.com. London Drugs offers consumers a range of products from digital cameras and cosmetics to computers and televisions. Renowned for its creative approach to retailing, the company employs more than 7,500 people with pharmacy and health care services being the heart of its business. Committed to innovation and superior customer service, London Drugs has established itself as a reputable and caring company and continues to position itself for future growth and development.

ABOUT UNITED WAY

<u>United Way</u> brings people together to create vibrant, inclusive neighbourhoods, where everyone experiences a sense of belonging and connection to one another.

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Caption: Cards For All is a Valentine's Day card collection that celebrates the diversity of love and relationships. Designed by Canadian illustrators for communities that aren't typically represented in the greeting card aisle, the collection makes it possible for people to share their love, regardless of the language they speak, how they identify, sexual orientation, or the makeup of their relationship(s).

High-res images can be downloaded here.