

## **Puzzled Jewelry available at London Drugs in support of Autism Awareness Month**

### **London Drugs supports fundraising campaign at select locations April 1 to 30**

**APRIL 1, 2016– RICHMOND, B.C.** – This Autism Awareness Month London Drugs will partner again with Puzzled Jewelry to further raise awareness for Autism Spectrum Disorder. From April 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Puzzled Jewelry sterling silver necklace will be available at select London Drugs locations.

The 925 sterling silver puzzle necklace created by three mothers will support the new Autism Centre of Excellence. Patricia James, Keri Kennett and Debbie Siu joined together following autism diagnoses' that affected each of their little boys. Each year Puzzled Jewelry designs a unique puzzle piece item to build awareness of Autism.



Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental condition that impacts typical brain growth. As a spectrum disorder, ASD has a wide variation in how it affects each person. Common characteristics include difficulties with communication and social interactions, repetitive interests and activities, and stereotypic motor behaviours.

At a cost of \$25.00 plus tax, the proceeds from the necklace will go towards the construction of the new Autism Centre. Slated to open in the Summer of 2016, the Pacific Autism Family Centre (PAFC) core purpose is to become a knowledge centre while addressing the support and services required. The Centre will be the hub for research, and collaboration, providing individuals and their families with resources for their lifespan and will be the first of its kind in North America. The Centre of knowledge and innovation will involve the development of physical "hub and spoke/satellite" centres located in communities across the province, in collaboration with local community partners.

London Drugs locations with Puzzled Jewelry are: Brentwood Mall and Lougheed Mall in Burnaby, Coquitlam Centre, Kamloops, Langley, Maple Ridge, North Vancouver, Penticton, and Prince George in British Columbia along with the Jasper Gates location in Edmonton, Alberta.

#### **About London Drugs:**

Founded in 1945, B.C.-based London Drugs has 79 stores in more than 35 major markets throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba including its online store [www.londondrugs.com](http://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.

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