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Genius Brands International and Penguin Young Readers Launch “Llama Llama” Branded Merchandise Promotion as Part of Kohl’s Cares Collection

Products Featured from the Award-Winning “Llama Llama” Brand Franchise Include Plush and Book, Available Now Online and in Kohl’s Stores Nationwide

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Nov. 02, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Genius Brands International, Inc.](#) “Genius Brands” (NASDAQ:GNUS) **Penguin Young Readers, and KOHL’s launch** the annual holiday program for **Kohl’s Cares** with the debut of a “**Llama Llama**” branded bundle featuring a plush toy and book, available now at Kohls.com and in Kohl’s stores nationwide.

Based on the characters from the bestselling children’s book franchise and popular Netflix Original preschool series, [Llama Llama](#), starring Jennifer Garner, the “Llama Llama” book from Penguin Young Readers and the plush, are available exclusively through the Kohl’s Cares collection for \$5.00 each, with 100% of Kohl’s net profit benefiting nonprofit organizations that improve the health and well-being of communities nationwide. The products are available for a limited time, while supplies last.

“We are honored to be a part of this season’s Kohl’s Cares merchandise collection with our evergreen brand, *Llama Llama*, being featured with new merchandise available at stores around the country,” commented **Lloyd Mintz, SVP Global Consumer Products at Genius Brands**. “This is a big step in expanding our merchandise program for *Llama Llama*, as we continue to seek out creative avenues to deliver this classic brand to the legions of fans.”

About Llama Llama

Based on the award-winning and bestselling book series by celebrated author and illustrator **Anna Dewdney**, Genius Brands’ **Netflix** Original preschool series is about first childhood experiences and adventures, as well as the special connections between the lead character, Llama, his Mama and his grandparents. *Llama Llama* tells heart-warming tales of life in a safe, friendly town seen through the eyes of Llama as he interacts with the amazing world around him. Seasons one and two of the series are available on Netflix with **Jennifer Garner** in the lead role as Mama Llama.

With over 30 million units in print worldwide, Dewdney’s *Llama Llama* books from **Penguin Young Readers** have all been *New York Times* bestsellers with several titles claiming the

#1 spot, and her work has been translated into eight languages. Dewdney's soothing tales are synonymous with calming early-childhood anxiety and she was praised by the *Chicago Tribune* as a "geographer extraordinaire of the emotional terrain of preschoolers and their mothers." Books in her *Llama Llama* series include *Llama Llama Red Pajama*, *Llama Llama Holiday Drama*, *Llama Llama Misses Mama*, and *Llama Llama Time to Share*.

About Genius Brands International

Genius Brands International, Inc. (Nasdaq: GNUS) is a leading global kids media company developing, producing, marketing and licensing branded children's entertainment properties and consumer products for media and retail distribution. The Company's award-winning 'content with a purpose' portfolio includes the upcoming Stan Lee's Superhero Kindergarten, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and in partnership with Alibaba; Rainbow Rangers for Nick Jr.; Llama Llama, starring Jennifer Garner, for Netflix; award-winning toddler brand Baby Genius; adventure comedy STEM series Thomas Edison's Secret Lab; and entrepreneurship series Warren Buffett's Secret Millionaires Club. Through licensing agreements with leading partners, characters from Genius Brands' IP also appear on a wide range of consumer products for the worldwide retail marketplace. The Company's new Kartoon Channel! is available in over 100 million U.S. television households via a broad range of distribution platforms, including Comcast, Cox, DISH, Amazon Prime, Sling TV, Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire and more. For additional information, please visit www.gnusbrands.com.

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