

## **Press Release**

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The team that brought you MONDAY Haircare, DAISE beauty and Laura Polko Los Angeles is pleased to announce the launch of *being*: a collection of moisture-rich shampoos, conditioners, and treatments that celebrates all hair types and needs. Exclusively available at Walmart, *being* is the first brand distributed in a mass retailer in the US that allows people with all hair textures, types, and needs to buy from one brand, in one aisle, on one shelf, at an accessible price point.

Currently, an overwhelming number of people are either dissatisfied with their current hair care options, or unclear about which products they should use to satisfy their needs. An independent consumer study showed more than half of people surveyed could not identify their hair type. Even more staggering was that 79% of respondents said it is difficult to find products tailored for their specific hair type and needs.\*

Luckily, *being* is here to help. From curly and coarse to fine and flat, the brand's targeted formulas were created to finesse and de-stress your hair exactly as it is, rather than trying to make it something it's not. For its approach, *being* was selected for Walmart Start, a beauty brand accelerator program that sets emerging brands up for success with the retailer.

*being* products address a wide range of consumer needs by offering customized formulations based on hair type, to better serve the particular needs of unique hair types. Each of the five product families, tailored to cater to hair types from 1a to 4c, features naturally derived active ingredients that are proven to drive results and resolve hair concerns. The high-performing solutions contain ethically sourced ingredients that are gentle on hair and planet, certified cruelty-free and Leaping Bunny approved.

As a brand that prides itself on being community minded, *being* was not only developed with trichologists, but with the expert guidance of the brand's advisory board. The board includes writer, beauty expert and *Texture Diaries* founder Akili King; celebrity hairstylist Alyx Liu; journalist and founder/editor in chief of Cripple Media, Emily Flores; and beauty and lifestyle creator Shahd Batal. The brand also tapped celebrity hairstylist and visual artist Sky Kim across its brand campaign and launch.

The brand has employed universal design applications in its packaging from conception, such as a soft, easy-to-squeeze tube that's ideal for one-handed use, as well as a lipped-lid design that makes it easier for individuals with limited dexterity to open the bottle. High contrast labels, large typography, and tactile indicators on the bottles enhance accessibility for individuals with visual impairments and colorblindness. For *being*, true inclusivity means packaging that is created as consciously as its formulas.

"We know haircare isn't one size fits all, and consumers deserve more than a blanket approach to products, which often ignores a myriad of hair types, textures and needs. With *being*, we offer fun, effective, solution-based haircare for hair types 1a to 4c, all under \$7," explains *being* Founder Jaimee Lupton. "And while we were conscious of price accessibility, we also focused on making our packaging more accessible, because we don't want cost or usability to be hurdles for shoppers. At *being*, we want everyone to feel welcome, celebrated and seen."

*being* is the third brand to debut in the US at the hands of Jaimee Lupton, an Auckland, New Zealand-based beauty entrepreneur. Lupton launched her first brand, MONDAY Haircare, in February 2020 with the goal of making premium-quality hair care more accessible. Four years later, MONDAY has won several beauty awards, is stocked with more than 100 retailers in 65,000 doors across almost 40 countries and is ranked as the #1 haircare brand on TikTok.

*being* is available now at Walmart and on Walmart.ca.com. Follow *being* at [beinghaircare.com](https://beinghaircare.com) and via @beinghaircare on [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#).