[Name] is changing the future for a whole school in Africa

Select the date

# [Include name of supporter / group within this title] is changing the future for a whole school in Africa

## [Insert name of supporter/group] from [insert location] has made a life-changing contribution by raising enough money to feed an entire school in [insert location – Malawi/Liberia] for a year.

Mary’s Meals sets up and runs school feeding programmes in communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. The global charity currently provides a meal every school day for more than 989,000 children across 12 countries.

[Insert name of fundraising group] undertook a range of fundraising activities, including [give details of fundraising activity] to raise the necessary funds to feed every pupil attending [insert name of the school] for an entire school year, through the charity’s Sponsor a School initiative.

The aim of Mary’s Meals is to address the immediate needs of a hungry child by giving them something to eat, and to enable that child to receive an education, which can offer an escape from poverty. The charity’s average global cost to feed a child for a whole school year is just £12.20.

Mary’s Meals fundraiser, [Name of supporter/group] said: “[insert quote about your fundraising efforts and how it feels to have been able to support the work of Mary’s Meals by raising enough money to feed an entire school].”

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder of Mary’s Meals said: “Today, around the world, 57 million children miss school because of poverty. Instead of sitting in a classroom getting an education, they are working in fields, begging on street corners, or scavenging among the garbage to survive.

“Our vision is that every child should be able to receive one good meal every day in a place of education. Working together with people who share our ideals, we believe that our vision can be achieved in this world of plenty, where there is enough food for everyone.”

“By getting involved in our Sponsor a School initiative and providing meals for a whole school, [Insert name of fundraising group] is supporting our efforts to reach more children with a life-changing daily meal.”

Where Mary’s Meals is provided, there is a rise in rates of enrolment, attendance and academic performance.

Mary’s Meals is a low cost charity that is committed to spending 93 pence of every £1 donated on its charitable work.

For more information please contact [insert your contact details]

To make a donation visit [insert relevant details here]

For further information on Mary’s Meals, please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or follow the charity on @marysmeals and on [www.facebook.com/marysmeals](http://www.facebook.com/marysmeals)

### Notes to Editors

Mary’s Meals began in Malawi in 2002 when its founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow met a young woman called Emma who was dying from AIDS. She was sitting on the mud floor of her hut surrounded by her children. When Magnus asked her 14-year-old son what his dreams were in life, his stark reply was: “To have enough food to eat and to go to school one day”. This was a key part of the inspiration that led to the Mary’s Meals campaign.

Mary’s Meals began feeding 200 children in one Malawian primary school in 2002. Today, the organisation reaches more than 989,000 children with a daily meal in school, across four continents.

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