Bringing hope to a hungry world

Mary’s Meals sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world’s poorest communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

With 61 million children still out of school and many more chronically hungry, our work is only just beginning.

Our idea is a simple one that works:

• We provide a daily meal in a place of learning to attract chronically hungry children into the classroom where they receive the education that could be their route out of poverty.

• In schools where children receive Mary’s Meals, there is a rise in enrolment, attendance, and attainment.

• We are a global movement of people from all walks of life, united by our belief that no child in this world of plenty should endure a day without a meal. Together, we are helping to transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of impoverished children.

Little acts of love

Mary’s Meals was born in 2002, when our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother named Emma, who was dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life, he replied simply...

“I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day.”

These words from Edward ignited our mission – and from humble beginnings feeding just 200 children at a school in Malawi, we now reach more than 1.5 million children across four continents every school day.

It is thanks to the efforts of our global supporters that we are able to keep our promise of a nutritious meal every school day to these children. Today they sit inside a classroom with full stomachs, gaining the education that could be their path to a brighter future.

Most of our work is done by thousands of volunteers all over the world, who carry out lots of little acts of love on behalf of Mary’s Meals.

Our work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. We consist of, respect, and reach out to people of all faiths and none.

Each meal, served in a place of education, costs just 7p.

“"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one."”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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3. We can’t do this without you
   We would like to keep you informed about our latest news, fundraising appeals, other ways to get involved, and how your support is bringing hope to hungry children every school day.
   We promise to keep your information safe and secure and we will never give it to other organisations to use for their own purposes. You are free to unsubscribe at any time, which you can do by emailing contact.uk@marysmeals.org or change your preferences by calling 0800 698 1212. You need to be 16 or over to join our mailing list, but please contact us for other exciting ways for under-16s to get involved.

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Our vision
Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.

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Our mission
Our mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world’s poorest communities.

Find us online  
www.marysmeals.org.uk

Become a Mary’s Meals volunteer
There are many ways to help hungry children by giving your time to Mary’s Meals. To find out about becoming a Community Ambassador or to enquire about other ways to get involved in your local area, please contact volunteer@marysmeals.org

It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year.