Media release

INSERT DATE

[Insert short detail of supporter/group e.g. A Liverpool man / school] is helping Mary’s Meals feed hungry children with [type of fundraiser e.g baking/active] fundraiser

*[Insert short detail on how they are raising money] to support the charity*

[Insert description of person or name of group and location e.g. A Liverpool man / school] is supporting international school feeding charity Mary’s Meals with a new fundraiser.

[Insert full name of individual, age, or full name of group] is raising money for the charity by [insert description of fundraiser].

Their fundraising will involve [insert first name/group name and detail of what the fundraiser is doing].

[Insert first name/spokesperson for group name] says: “[Insert two / three sentence quote e.g. saying what inspired the person/group to do this for Mary’s Meals. What difference do they hope it will make? Have they done anything like this, or other Mary’s Meals activities, before?]”

Supporters like [insert first name/group name] play a vital role in helping Mary’s Meals to feed children in the world’s poorest countries.

The charity started its work in 2002, feeding 200 children at a school in Malawi, and is now reaching more than 3 million children in 16 countries every school day.

Dan McNally, Head of Grassroots Engagement at Mary’s Meals, says: “We are so thankful to [insert name of fundraiser/group] for all [his/her/their– delete as appropriate] amazing efforts, which will help us give more hungry children the gifts of food, joy and hope.

“Thanks to the kindness of those who donate or fundraise, children who might otherwise be working in fields, or begging on street corners for their next meal, can instead be sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, learning how to read and write.”

It costs just £19.15 for Mary’s Meals to feed a child at school for a whole year.

To find out more about the work of Mary’s Meals, or to get involved, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

To support [insert name of person/group] visit [include link to their fundraising page.] [If applicable.]

**— ENDS —**

Picture Captions

* [Insert name(s) of person/group in photo] is/are raising funds for Mary’s Meals by [type of fundraising activity].
* [Include an image of our feeding programme] Mary’s Meals feeds more than 3 million children every school day

Notes to Editors

* Mary’s Meals feeds more than 3 million hungry children every day. The promise of a nutritious meal at school attracts these children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and hope of a brighter future.
* The charity’s low-cost approach means that it costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary’s Meals every day for a school year. This is only possible because of many dedicated volunteers across the globe – from people in the UK who raise awareness, to those overseas who rise early to cook nutritious meals for their children.
* Mary’s Meals sets up school feeding programmes which are owned and run by community volunteers. Locally produced food is served wherever possible. This supports the community and its farmers, as well as the wider economy.
* Mary’s Meals works in 16 of the world’s poorest countries: Benin, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
* The Mary’s Meals story began in 2002 when founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother, Emma, dying from AIDS. When Magnus 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.”
* Please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/) to find out more about the work of Mary’s Meals. Contact

[Name, volunteer for Mary’s Meals]

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