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Mary's Meals USA Welcomes New Executive Director



*Terry Bonet Brings Nonprofit Focus and Commitment
to Feeding Hungry Children Globally*

Bloomfield, N.J. – July 19, 2023 – International school-feeding charity [Mary's Meals USA](#) welcomes Terry Bonet as its executive director. Though new to this position, Bonet is not new to Mary's Meals moving from the position of Director of Growth Strategic Operations for Mary's Meals International into the role of executive director.

"I am honored and humbled to lead this incredible team at Mary's Meal USA. This mission is so important, and I cannot wait to see what this next chapter will bring," she said.

Bonet brings to Mary's Meals 20 years of experience in multiple areas including fundraising, development and marketing. With expertise in building processes and programs that drive continuous improvement and efficiency to achieve growth, she also will support the outreach and engagement efforts of Mary's Meals USA. For the last 10 years, she has focused on nonprofit humanitarian work to increase fundraising, operational efficiencies, collaboration and building strong teams.

"We are pleased to welcome Terry to Mary's Meals USA. She brings a depth of experience, and an ability to foster team collaboration and create growth strategies that makes her the perfect fit in this key role," said Jacob Allen, Mary's Meals USA board chairman and director of the Cicero Group.

He added, "Her dedication and passion for helping the most vulnerable children in the world complement the focused and urgent work of Mary's Meals to reach the next hungry child. This will be essential as we navigate an alarming hunger crisis especially in the countries we serve."

Mary's Meals collaborates with local communities in 18 countries to provide meals to 2,429,182 children every school day in 5,084 schools in countries facing issues like conflict, climate shocks or migration such as Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Bonet joins Mary's Meals USA at a time when the protracted global hunger crisis affecting 345 million people and 60 million children who are out of school, continues to worsen in many of the 18 countries where Mary's Meals works.

The executive director will lead the strategic growth and development of Mary's Meals USA providing vision, guidance and support. Mary's Meals USA is one of 18 affiliate countries supporting the work of Mary's Meals International, which develops in-country school-feeding programs in collaboration with local communities and volunteers across five continents.

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About Mary's Meals

Now in its 21st year, [Mary's Meals](#) is a global movement that sets up school feeding programs in some of the world's most vulnerable communities, where conflict, poverty and hunger often prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals works with in-country volunteers to provide one daily nutritious meal in a place of learning to attract children into the classroom to receive an education. This simple solution to help end world hunger also enables children to lift themselves from the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002. Today, the organization feeds 2,429,182 hungry children every school day in 5,084 schools across five continents in the following countries: Benin, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Myanmar, Niger, South Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Mary's Meals collaborates with the U.N. World Food Program, partners with USAID in Liberia and is part of the global School Meals Coalition, an emerging initiative of governments and partners to drive actions that can urgently reestablish, improve, and scale up food and education systems. For more information about Mary's Meals, visit marysmealsusa.org.

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