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## Global School-Feeding Charity Founder Will Be Featured Speaker in Columbus

*Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow to Share Message on Ending Childhood Hunger*



*Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow speaks about Mary's Meals' global school-feeding mission.*

**Bloomfield, N.J. – September 8, 2023** – Global school-feeding charity founder and CEO Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will be the keynote speaker at St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio on Thursday, September 28.

He'll share [Mary's Meals'](#) solution to end childhood hunger and discuss how it can help achieve the global goal of Zero Hunger by 2030 as established by the United Nations (U.N.).

"I'm honored to be invited to St. Charles Preparatory School to share the mission of Mary's Meals and discuss our work to end childhood hunger by providing meals in places of education," said [MacFarlane-Barrow](#).

Founded in 2002, Mary's Meals was inspired by the words of a hungry little boy who only wanted to have enough to eat and to be able to go to school. Mary's Meals offers a simple solution to world hunger: feed children where they learn to enable the education that can help break the cycle of chronic poverty.

Mary's Meals supports the delivery of school-feeding programs in 18 countries by collaborating with in-country partners to train thousands of volunteers to source, cook and serve meals. These locally-managed programs invite the community to be a part of the solution to hunger and missed education. The community involvement makes the Mary's Meals program cost-effective, scalable and replicable. It costs Mary's Meals just \$25.20 to feed a child for an entire school year.

“By drawing children to school with a meal, Mary’s Meals meets their immediate need for food while also addressing an underlying cause of poverty, which is a lack of education. A future that sees children and communities equipped with an education and set free from poverty and dependence on aid is the goal of Mary’s Meals,” explained MacFarlane-Barrow.

This presentation comes during Hunger Action month as the world grapples with a deepening hunger crisis affecting 345 million people. Despite progress toward the U.N.’s goals of Zero Hunger and No Poverty, the pandemic, climate shifts and conflicts have adversely affected some of those gains. In July, the United Nations said that it was off track to meet the goal of ending hunger by 2030.

Mary’s Meals provides meals to 2,429,182 children every school day in 5,084 schools in countries facing issues like conflict and climate shocks such as Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Mary’s Meals USA is one of 18 affiliate countries like Canada and England 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.

For more information about an Evening with Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow at St. Charles Preparatory School, please visit: <https://www.stcharlesprep.org/giving/an-evening-with>.

To learn more about Mary’s Meals, please visit [marysmealsusa.org](http://marysmealsusa.org).

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## About Mary’s Meals

Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, [Mary’s Meals](http://MarysMeals.org) 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 re-establish, improve, and scale up food and education systems. For more information about Mary’s Meals, visit [marysmealsusa.org](http://marysmealsusa.org).

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