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Mary's Meals USA Welcomes Two Board Members

New Board Members Bring Commitment to Feeding Hungry Children





Susana Mendoza and Amanda Bowman join the Mary's Meals USA board of directors.

Bloomfield, N.J. – **January 10, 2023** – International school feeding charity Mary's Meals USA welcomes two new members to its board of directors. Joining the board this year are Amanda Bowman and Susana Mendoza, bringing the number of Mary's Meals USA board members to 11.

"We are pleased to welcome Amanda and Susana to the Mary's Meals USA board of directors and look forward to the depth of experience and knowledge they will bring to our mission," said Jacob Allen, board chairman and director of the Cicero Group.

"Their passion to help the poorest and most vulnerable children in the world complements the dedication of this board striving to reach the next hungry child," he added.

Both new members will add essential professional skills, experience and focus to the Mary's Meals USA board as the <u>global hunger crisis</u> continues to worsen in the majority of the 18 countries where Mary's Meals works.

Amanda Bowman is the Director of Church Activation at World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that works to address poverty and injustice. She manages strategic planning, annual revenue and partnerships. Amanda brings her passion as a philanthropist, and considerable experience in relationship-building and fundraising to the Mary's Meals USA board.

Susana Mendoza is a Managing Director in the Equity Capital Markets group at TD Securities. She leads the firm's equity private placement efforts, developing growth strategies and advising clients across North America on private capital transactions. Additionally, she is Co-head of TD Securities' Latinos/Hispanics United Committee, a newly formed Minorities in Leadership Employee Resource Group. Susana brings extensive financial knowledge and partnership-building experience to the board.

The board of directors provides strategic input, guidance and support to Mary's Meals USA, which is an affiliate of Mary's Meals International. The US is one of 20 affiliate countries supporting the work of Mary's Meals International, which develops in-country school feeding programs in collaboration with local communities and volunteers.

Currently, Mary's Meals provides meals to 2,429,182 children every school day in 5,084 schools in 18 countries.

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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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