



Ambassador Newsletter

Mary's Meals USA
February 2026

📍 Dallas, Fort Worth Texas

We were thrilled to introduce Mary's Meals to the Dallas–Fort Worth community through a joyful, family-friendly celebration. Throughout the event, we shared meaningful conversations with neighbors inspired by the hope and simplicity of Mary's Meals. The excitement continues! Please mark your calendar for our Dallas Spring Festival on April 25th.





We had a strong presence at SEEK in Ohio and Texas, and the response was truly inspiring. Thousands of students, young adults, and leaders encountered our mission for the first time and they were impacted by the simplicity and hope of our work, and saying “yes” to being part of a solution to global hunger.



We had a wonderful virtual gathering as we celebrated love in action. At the heart of our time together was the Say Yes video, which beautifully captures the spirit of Mary's Meals — ordinary people saying yes to something simple that has an extraordinary impact on children around the world. Watch the Say Yes video here:

WATCH THE VIDEO



Save the Date!

- **Mary's Meals Workshop in Westerville, OH – March 28th**
- **Dallas Spring Festival – April 25th**
- **Immersion Experience to Malawi – May 16 – 24**
- **Virtual Ambassador Gathering – July 9 from 6-7pm**
- **in-person Ambassador Gathering - September '26 in Des Moines, Iowa**

Saying Yes & Resources

1. Host an event: Lent - Share the Love with a movie and soup night
2. Invite a friend to join you in your mission to help feed the children still waiting for Mary's Meals to come to their school
3. Post about Mary's Meals on Social Media

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Ambassador of Hope Spotlight

📍 **Norwalk, Iowa**

We're shining a light on two incredible sisters from St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, Staci Shipley and Sherri Sherer, who have found a creative way to support Mary's Meals through their annual Goodwill Gala.

This much-loved event invites girls and women of all ages to dress up, have fun, and embrace thrifted fashion with flair. With tickets, raffles, and a silent auction, the brunch is filled with laughter, generosity, and community spirit. One of the highlights? Playful fashion award categories like What Was I Thinking? Big Hair Don't Care, Church Lady Chic, Best Group Effort, Timeless Thrift Queen, and Thrift Store Princess.

Through creativity and joy, these sisters have turned a fun brunch into meaningful support for children around the world — proving that saying yes can look bold and wonderfully unique.



Ambassador of Hope Spotlight

📍 Hollywood, Maryland

St. John's Summer Program in Hollywood, MD has been igniting creativity and generosity through their now-iconic Eyebrow Challenge. Launched in 2020, this high-energy fundraiser has raised over \$150,000 for Mary's Meals in six summers, with a record-breaking \$34,000 in a single year. By rallying 30–40 high school and college students to compete to “save or shave” their eyebrows, the challenge engages families and friends nationwide, sparks friendly rivalry, and culminates in a joyful community celebration. What began as a bold idea has become a beloved tradition—and a powerful reminder that when young people lead with fun and courage, incredible impact follows.





We are so excited to share that our founder and CEO, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow joined Father Mike Schmitz on his podcast, "Called," and had the opportunity to share the Mary's Meals story. Magnus shared how his simple "yes" grew into our global grassroots mission that feeds over 3 million children every school day, and discussed with Father Mike the ways all of our little acts can make an impact.

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If you have any questions or you're feeling inspired to say yes in a new way, then send us an email — we'd love to connect!

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