Dear xxxxxx

I’m fundraising for the [Hands Up Foundation](http://www.handsupfoundation.org/), and I hope you’ll consider helping me raise  £xxxxx for Syrian communities in need. I’ve set up a fundraising page here [INSERT LINK TO YOUR JUSTGIVING PAGE or [HANDS UP’S JUST GIVING PAGE](https://www.justgiving.com/handsupfoundationuk) ].

What Hands Up does

Hands Up is a young and innovative charity which was set up by four British friends. They believe in giving people a hand up not a hand-out and the personal dignity gained by empowering local Syrian Communities. That’s why they focus on funding the salaries of Syrian doctors and teachers, giving Syrian professionals an opportunity to earn a living, at the same time as providing vital health and education services. They are currently funding a school for 280 Syrian Refugee children in Lebanon and a Primary Health Clinic in northern Syria. There’s more information in the attached flyer.

Why they do this

Since 2011 conflict has devastated Syria and shattered the lives of millions. Syrians have lost their family, homes and jobs as well as basic services. Many skilled professionals (notably doctors and teachers) have left the country, leaving behind a vacuum of skills in communities which can barely sustain themselves. While the situation on the ground continues to change, the needs of Syrian children and families will continue to be acute for a number of years. [ADD RELEVANT CURRENT CONTEXT AS APPROPRIATE I.E COVID-19]

A child’s stationery kit costs £8

A teacher’s monthly salary is £347

A doctor’s monthly salary is £1,000

A nurse’s monthly salary is £300

I’m supporting Hands Up because [insert reason why eg ‘it feels like much of the world has forgotten Syria’ or ‘I wish to support their various projects’]. It’s easy to feel hopeless when considering Syria’s long lasting conflict, but we all have the power to do something. I’d be so grateful if you’d join me to raise  £xxxxx

Thank you so much in advance for your support