

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

**Deanna Wallace**

**AAO Executive Director**

I'm so happy to introduce you to All As One's youngest family members, beautiful **Gbessey** and handsome **Roland!** Gbessey (pronounced Beh-shay) came to us at 3 days old, after her birth mother died. Roland came to us as an abandoned child, just one month old, who was malnourished and sickly. Gbessey is now almost 6 months old and Roland almost 7 months old. Through proper medical care, the right nutrition and lots of love, they are both developing well and have a chance for a better future.



**Sierra Leone has the world's highest infant mortality rate.** Every day in Sierra Leone, children are **dying from preventable causes** – malaria, diarrhea, malnutrition. These preventable deaths are especially tragic.

All As One works to help ensure that each child, like Gbessey and Roland, has the chance to survive and thrive. Children should not die from preventable diseases. Children's futures should not be cut short because they get sick, become orphaned, or are abandoned. We provide a new family and support for the kids through our children's home, accredited school and medical clinic. But we need your help to help as many children as possible. **Help us save all the children that we can, one at a time.** To make your gift online, please visit:

[www.aaodubai.org/donate.php](http://www.aaodubai.org/donate.php)

**Thank you for helping us to save babies like Gbessey & Roland! Without you, our work would not be possible!**

# NEWS!

**Martin and Joanna Thurmann** held a garage sale in March that was a great success! They raised **\$533.88** for All As One (and cleaned out their house in the process)! They also talked about the work of AAO and handed out AAO flyers to all who stopped by. **Paulina**, the Thurmann's daughter, campaigned especially hard for AAO. Every time someone pulled up, she immediately said, "Thank you for stopping by. This is a name-your-own-price garage sale. All of the money we earn goes to the charity, All As One, which we've been sponsoring for 14 years." She was very bold in trying to help AAO, and people responded to her heart-felt honesty. The Thurmann's son, **Andre**, also chose to put so many of his toys up for sale! **We are very proud of the Thurmann children and so grateful to the entire family for their faithful and generous support of All As One through the years. Thank you from all the AAO children who benefit from your generosity!!!**



**Geri Mitchell**, with the help of **Jocelyn Clarke** and **Bethany McChesney**, held a garage sale in Dubai in March that helped to raise over **Dh 2000!** Thank you SO much to our Dubai supporters!

A special thank you to **Fitness First and their partners** who helped to raise funds for AAO during the **Dubai Marathon**. **Their support is invaluable!**

A very big thank you to **Caroline Donnelly and her friends** for a magnificent feat! They ran the **Paris Semi-Marathon** in aid of All As One, and managed to raise over **£600 between donations and Gift Aid contributions!** Caroline also achieved her personal goal for the run by completing it in 1 hour, 56 minutes! *(photo at right: Caroline and Shaan after the race.)*

Some of the **upcoming UK fundraising events** include a karaoke evening being held in Northern Ireland and a dinner being held at a supporter's home. We are also in the process of arranging our first big event in the UK for September. **More details to follow in next month's newsletter!**

**We are working on increasing our number of regular monthly supporters in the UK, and we need your help.** 50p a day is less than half the price of a cup of coffee on the High Street, but can make such a difference to our children. If you are interested, please contact **Ettaline Hill** at [ukdirector@allasone.org](mailto:ukdirector@allasone.org). Ettaline will do as much of the paperwork for you as possible, to make it easy. Once a regular payment is set up with your bank, you won't need to think about it again. **The AAO UK office will claim the Gift Aid, and the money will go to buy food, clothes, medical supplies and all the other things necessary to keep our children smiling!**





**Thanks to our first time supporters in March:**

Marion Jalili - Patricia McDonald

**Thank you to those who gave over \$500 in March:**

Christopher Alan Peet - David Walker & Polly Archer - Fitness First - Girot Trading Company - Glenn & Marilyn Tosten  
Jody Bolling - The Right Bite Nutrition and Catering Company

**And thank you to our regular monthly supporters, who make our work possible!**