

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

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AAO Executive Director

With every new child who comes into our care, I find my heart expanding with more love and another reason to carry on...despite the financial difficulties and the discouragements that come with doing work against such great odds. It only takes a moment to look at little **Roland** (pictured here) to remind me that this work is vital and worth doing. Roland first came into our care when he was 6 weeks old, and he is now 10 months. He was malnourished and sick when he arrived – but he's growing and developing well now!

Roland's beautiful face tugs my heart – but what really stands out to me is the contented and peaceful look in his eyes. That's the look I want to see on all the kids' faces. It's my personal gauge for knowing we are really doing good work.

What a privilege to be part of saving Roland's life, and changing his destiny. **Thank you for making such important change possible for Roland, and for so many other children in Sierra Leone!** I hope you truly know that you are part of something priceless and so worth doing. Because of your support for All As One, you are changing the world, one child at a time.

As you are able, please continue to remember All As One and our urgent financial needs. There is never a gift that is too small!



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God bless you for your compassionate and loving support!

Why Help All As One?

Recently, we asked some of the older children (ages 13-16) in our care to tell us why they believe people should support All As One. These children have lived at the All As One Children's Center for at least the past 7 years.

We loved hearing what our teenagers had to say, and we wanted to share it with you.



AHMED – “You should help All As One because All As One helps to develop the lives of children so they can become better persons of tomorrow. All As One gives us free education and provides for all our needs. We eat three times daily and get presents every holiday. All As One does everything for us that we need to be happy.”



MONJAMA – “All As One should be helped because they do very well for the children of Sierra Leone. There is free education up to the college level. That is something good.”



ISATA – “Please, we want you to help All As One to assist the children in Sierra Leone. If All As One is being sponsored, they will be able to assist more children. There are too many children suffering in the streets with no one to take care of them. HIV/AIDS means some parents are dying and leaving their children to Fate.”



ADAMA – “All As One should be helped because too many children need a good place to live instead of roaming the streets and doing things that are not good for them because they have no one to guide them. If All As One cares for a child they will be the best children you can think of.”



MARIAMA – “We want you to help All As One because the children in this country need a better education and better care, so we can grow into good and responsible citizens tomorrow.”



MOHAMED – “All As One helps to provide education and medical treatment to the children of Sierra Leone. This makes the problems in Sierra Leone less.”

NEWS!

The students at **Sharjah English School** in the UAE held a non-uniform day to benefit All As One. Pictured at right is our AAO volunteer Operation Director, **Geri Mitchell**, receiving the donation of **Dh 4010 (\$1083)** from the students. We are so thankful, and appreciate the wonderful generosity!

Just a reminder that **AAO UK's first All As One fundraising event** will be a showing of the film, **Blood Diamond**, at the **Soho Sanctum Hotel** in central London, on Saturday, the 11th of September. This is a beautiful hotel, with a dedicated cinema space that holds up to 45 people. Supper and drinks will be provided, as well as the showing of the film, for an all-inclusive price. Please contact our UK office at ukinfo@allasone.org for more details and to book your place!



Our kids recently had an art contest, and we'll be putting some of their art on note and holiday cards that will be available for purchase this Fall. We think you're going to love what the kids have created! In honor of the FIFA World Cup, one of our kids, Mohamed, drew the All As One football team. We thought it was such fun, we wanted to share it with you here!





Thanks to our first time supporters in May:

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

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