

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

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**AAO Executive Director**

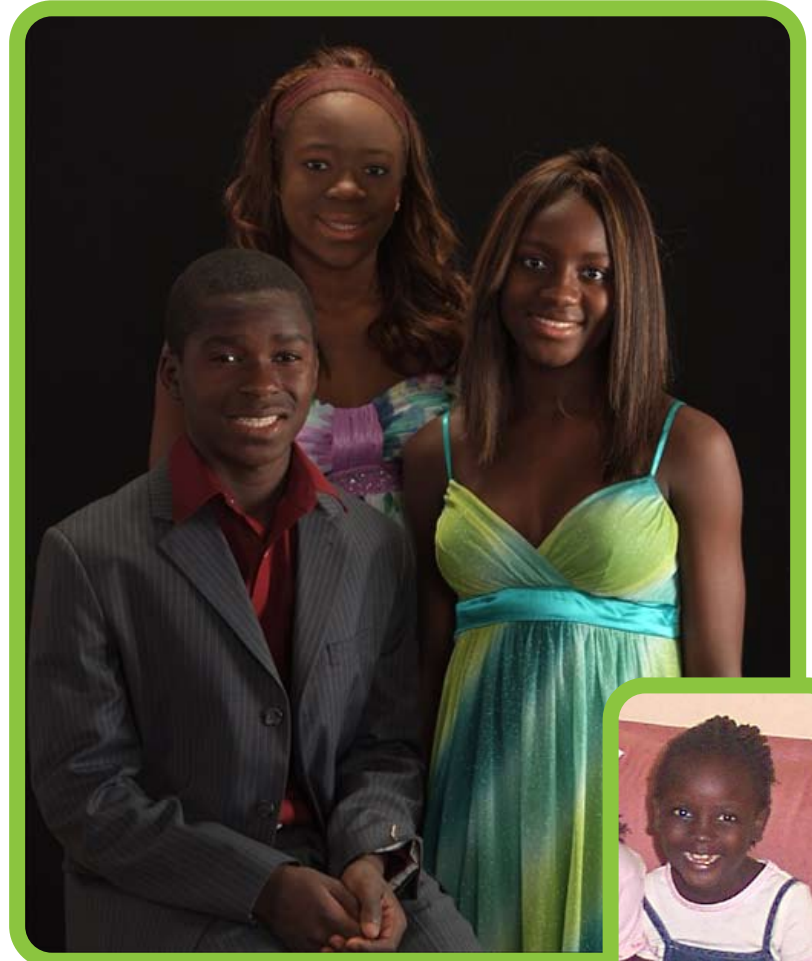
**David, Fea, and Satta Raizes** (pictured at right, clockwise) were adopted from Sierra Leone through All As One. David and Fea arrived in the US in 2000, and Satta, two years later. Last month, these kids – who are now beautiful teenagers – decided to give back to the children in Sierra Leone, by sending a generous donation and thank you letters to All As One. I wanted to share part of Satta's letter with you, in hopes that her firsthand experience living at the Children's Center will encourage you about the impact you are having on the AAO children's lives.

### From Satta:

*I want to start off with an enormous gratitude of thanks. I am not just saying thanks for me. I am saying it for everyone you have ever taken in and helped find a new home. Some places takes kids in and basically tell them, "You are here until we find a family for you." But, at All As One, you take them in and say, "This is your home. You're safe here and everyone here is your family and they love and want to get to know you." For a kid or anyone to hear that, well, it's really heartwarming. I would like to say thank you for giving me a home, then giving me a family who also gave me a home.*

*I feel like someone said, "Satta, I am going to let you have a second chance at life." You guys gave me the second chance, so I would like to say thank you so much for letting me live a long, fun, loving life. Thanks and I hope your lives are just as fun and fulfilling as mine.*

*With love and great memories,  
Satta*



**Satta, at age 6**

I am so proud of Satta, David and Fea – and I am especially thankful for the love they give back to us. I'm also grateful to their parents, **Dr. Elliot and Beth Raizes**, who serve the kids in Sierra Leone in so many special ways. Most of all, I'm grateful to you, for all of your support through these years. You have made it possible for us to *"give a second chance at life"* to hundreds of children in Sierra Leone. God bless you richly!

# NEWS!

The **Silverdale Shootout**, with former NBA-star **James Donaldson** (see photo at right), had a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in August. All As One was one of the charities benefiting from this event, and **Bob Presley** presented **Steven Amara** with a check for **\$1250** to help the kids in Sierra Leone. We are very grateful!



In October, **Clare Petrich**, from Tacoma, WA, hosted an African-themed party in her home to benefit All As One. The event, **"Drumming Up Support For Sierra Leone,"** featured delicious West African food prepared by **Majken Ryherd**, **Shelly McDonald**, and **Lynn Coulibaly**. Guests were treated to drumming and African dance by **Percussion For Kids** (see photo at right) from Seattle, and everyone enjoyed meeting our guest of honor, **Steven Amara**, All As One's country director from Sierra Leone. The event was co-hosted with **Brian Ebersole**, and supported by All As One's Board members, **Jamie Badilla**, **Lita Gill**, **Sherry Hammond**, **Jim Wallace**, and **Drew Ebersole**. The party was much fun, and we're extremely thankful for all the support!



We now have our registration with the **Charity Commission of England and Wales**. Our Charity Commission number is **1138095**, and with this registration, UK businesses can now make donations to AAO UK. Please contact **Ettaline Hill** at [ukdirector@allasone.org](mailto:ukdirector@allasone.org) if your company is interested in supporting the kids in Sierra Leone.

In September, we had our first **AAO UK Annual Event in London**, where we held a drinks reception and screening of **Blood Diamond**. This was a lovely event and we made a profit of over **£1000** on the evening!

Thanks go to **Sabrina Castagno**, a new supporter, who **held a fashion show and sale**, and raised almost **£600**. Sabrina says: *"The night was a success due to the cause. I had so much interest in All As One, and people were enthusiastic to do their bit. As delighted as people were with their new designer purchases, I think the real satisfaction came from knowing how much happier the orphans in Sierra Leone would be, and how one 5 pound purchase had made such a difference!"* Sabrina worked really hard on this event, and we truly appreciate all she did. She is planning to keep fundraising before going off to university next year.

Events coming up in the UK include another **pub quiz**, being planned by **Caroline Donnelly**, and various **sponsored marathons**, **half-marathons** and **10k races**, which supporters, **Dominic Dromgoole** and **Lisa Conibear**, are planning to do. Good luck to them and happy training for the events!

## PLEASE SPONSOR THE CHILDREN!

We have several new kids at the Children's Center who need sponsors! We need your support!

For as little as \$30 a month (£20 a month in the UK) – you can help look after a child and watch them grow up, knowing you are a part of their life.

If you are interested in being part of the children's lives, and you wish to help sponsor our Center, please contact

[info@allasone.org](mailto:info@allasone.org), [ukinfo@allasone.org](mailto:ukinfo@allasone.org) (UK) or [info@aaodubai.org](mailto:info@aaodubai.org) (UAE). We'll be delighted to send you the details! We depend on our wonderful and faithful sponsors to keep our doors open!



### Thanks to our first time supporters in August & September:

Benjamin Sebley - Caroline Williams - Ishmael Kebbay - Jacky - Johnathan Tozer - Karien Jonckheere - Lucy Jamieson  
Keith & Christine Wilson - Scott Smyth

### Thank you to those who gave over \$500 in August & September:

Allen & Jennifer Holmes - Bamford Family Foundation - David, Fea & Satta Raizes - David Walker - Deirdre Power  
Forbes & Jean Gildersleeve - Glenn & Marilyn Tosten - Jody Bolling - John & Betsy Lee - Lynn Coulibaly - Polly Archer  
Mark Montgomery & Irene Powell - Melanie Brown Maddux - Robert Harris & Jodie Hampshire - Shainaaz Harbhajun  
Silverdale Shootout - Yvonne Katter - Zakia Demaghelatrous

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