

**DIRECTOR'S NOTE...****Deanna Wallace****AAO Executive Director**

This month I want to introduce you to **Sahr**, who has been living at the Children's Center since 2005. He came into our care at the age of about 2 years, after being severely abused with blows to the head inflicted by his parents. **He was brought to the hospital barely alive and with little hope for survival.** But, he surprised everyone and made a full recovery, eventually coming to live at our Children's Center!

**Sahr is one of the happiest and sweetest kids you'll meet** – definitely a “life of the party” guy. Sometimes this gets him into trouble during school hours, because he enjoys being the “class clown” who entertains the other kids with his antics! Overall though, Sahr has the makings of a good student and his teacher says, “Sahr is usually cooperative, unselfish, and helpful to his peers.”

Here's what Sahr has to say about himself:



*My name is Sahr K. I am 8 years old. I am attending the All As One school. The name of my class teacher is Mr. Boima. I live in Freetown, Sierra Leone. I like to play football (soccer) and that is my favorite game. We have a junior team at the orphanage and I am the defender on the*

*team. My favorite colours are red and yellow. I like to watch movies, to read story books and to write stories on my own. When I grow up I want to be a professional footballer. Sierra Leone is usually hot and it is in the tropics. It is cold and wet when it rains. Sierra Leone is a nice country.*

*Thanks for being my friend and caring about me. I like that you help All As One and me.*

*Your friend,  
Sahr K.*



I just want to echo Sahr's “thank you.” I also like that you help All As One, Sahr, and the other children! Thank you so much for your help and support!

## NEKO SHIP SUPPLY DONATES FOOD SUPPLIES

39 large bags of rice, bags of sugar, and large tins of powdered milk arrived at the Children's Center, in September, and **helps us save about \$1000 on our food budget this month!** We are so grateful to Neko – and to **BELTSHIP**, the company that brought the supplies into Sierra Leone for us. What a tremendous help!



## EXCITING NEWS!

The All As One One school is now officially the **ALL AS ONE ACADEMY!** We've been given the accreditation and approval from the Sierra Leone government to not only operate our current school, but to open "educational institutions" all the way up through the college level. The government official taking care of this new approval process said that he was very impressed with what we've been doing educationally for the children in Sierra Leone, as well as being impressed with our student's test scores and overall achievement. We are so excited about this vote of confidence. It is a huge boost to our morale and also to our plans for expansion within Sierra Leone, once we are able to build a larger school on our land. We also have several more children from the community who are attending our school this year – so our expansion is already happening!



## BOOK SALE!

Following the news of the cholera outbreak in Freetown, the **1st SPRINGS DUBAI BROWNIE GROUP** decided to do something to help. They held a book sale, with each Brownie bringing in a few books to sell to the others. **Just 25 girls raised a total of 615 Dirhams (\$170) in only a half an hour.** We want to thank the Brownie group – particularly "**Brown Owl**" Heather, who organized the book sale so quickly.

# NAPPIES NEEDED!

We are finally ready to put together the shipment of nappies from Dubai to Sierra Leone, with the wonderful help of DHL. If you can donate nappies (diapers) of any size, please contact **Geri Mitchell at 050.450.8360**. We have a **deadline of October 31** for the collection of the nappies, so please get in touch with Geri soon! Thank you so much!



## Thanks to our first time supporters in August 2012 :

Jai & Neel Johsi, two young brothers who donated 50% of their proceeds from a flea market sale to All As One.

## Thank you to those who gave over \$500 in August 2012:

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Glenn & Marilyn Tosten - Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa  
Jeff & Jane Drummond - Jody Bolling  
John & Betsy Lee - John Moore  
Neko Ship Supply - Suzanne McConnell

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