

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace

*AAO Executive Director*

The latest **UNDP statistics** came out this month. Sierra Leone is no longer ranked as the least developed country in the world. It's ranked 180 out of 187 countries. It's a small improvement, but at least it is movement in the right direction. **Unfortunately, the maternal and infant mortality rates are still the highest in the world.** There is so much more that needs to be done!

For the past 11 years, we've been caring for children, mothers, and families. **We don't need the statistics to tell us what we already know – far too many children and women are dying too young.** Because of all the lives being lost, we have a keen interest in seeing maternal, newborn and child health statistics improve. We hope someday our services won't be needed – but, for now, they are needed desperately. We must keep our doors open!

We are especially concerned for the little ones, like **Alie** (right), who, at 2 years old, has already lost one parent and been abandoned by the other. Alie came into our care last month. With no one to look after him, where could he go without All As One?

I know that times are economically challenging right now – for us and for you. We're all feeling the financial crunch. But, Alie's life depends on us being there for him, so **I'm asking you to please find a way to continue to support us.** Alie needs you and so do we. Please give generously today! We appreciate you!



Join us for the **2nd Annual**

# ART FOR SHELTER

The goal of this art benefit, hosted by Mike & Ann Ryherd, is to raise the funds needed for the 2012 rent of the All As One Children's Center, in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

***We need you to help keep a roof over the heads of the kids of***



Thursday, December 1, 2011 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm

## McELROY ROOM

South Sound Manor Event Center ([www.southsoundmanor.com](http://www.southsoundmanor.com))  
455 North Street SE, Tumwater, Washington 98501

## ART SALE

Featuring paintings, pottery, photography and jewelry by local artists, as well as African artifacts, fabrics and more. Will also include original works by young artists of the All As One Children's Center, in Sierra Leone.

Good food, good wine and good friends, for a good cause!

## RSVP

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