

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

This month, I'm really happy to introduce you to **Isata**, who is now 16 years old. Isata came into All As One's care in the first part of 2002, just at the end of their civil war. **In the past 11 years, she has grown into a poised, confident and tender-hearted young woman, who is also excelling in her school work.** She is now attending senior secondary school (high school) and is doing extremely well.

Her teachers report that Isata is *"serene, quiet, honest, and respectful to authority, her peers, herself, younger children and the All As One workers alike. Isata is good at drawing and painting, and is also a wonderful story teller. She has a gift for telling stories about the drawings she makes. She also loves to smile."* Here's what Isata has to say about herself:



My favorite subjects are Social Studies, Science and Religious Moral Education. I dislike Business Studies, but I always pass it and I also dislike Mathematics.

I like reading magazine articles about the Rights of the Child and also watching television and being with friends. My goal someday is to help other children so that they can have a better life.

I love cooking and cleaning my bedroom and I also love school. Going to school is fun and there is much fun in school. I also love celebrating Christmas Day and New Year's Day, when we have parties. The best thing that happened to me this year is when I passed my school exams.

My ambition is to become a professional medical doctor or a professional runner. My dream is for every child to live a happy life and I also hope to one day be able to travel abroad.

Thank you from me and all of us at All As One.

*Your friend,
Isata*



Isata is a great example of the huge impact that YOU are making for the children in Sierra Leone. **Because of YOU, Isata, and so many others like her, are becoming bright and capable human beings, who are reaching their goals.** What a tremendous gift you are giving! Thank you SO much!

ART FOR all as one

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm

At the home of
MELANIE STEWART & WAYNE WILLIAMS
6035 Troon Lane SE, Olympia, Washington 98501 (Indian Summer Golf Course)
Phone: 360.556.8280 or 360.943.3806



ART SALE

Featuring paintings, pottery and photography by local artists, and more! All proceeds to benefit the All As One Children's Center in Sierra Leone.

HOSTED BY

Melanie Stewart & Wayne Williams
Mike & Ann Ryherd
Majken Ryherd

- Wine generously donated by Bill Stauffacher

NEWS

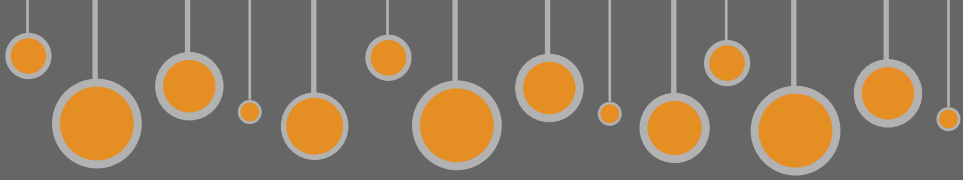
BOOK PROCEEDS TO HELP AAO

One of All As One's supporters, **Stephanie Hamilton**, has written the book, *Hungry*, a personal "photographic essay highlighting the power of simplicity, awareness and love." Stephanie has plans to donate some of the proceeds from her book to All As One, and we are very grateful! The book is available on iTunes, Blurb.com, and will soon be available on Amazon.com. You can learn more at nektar.ae/hungry.

NAPPY DRIVE!

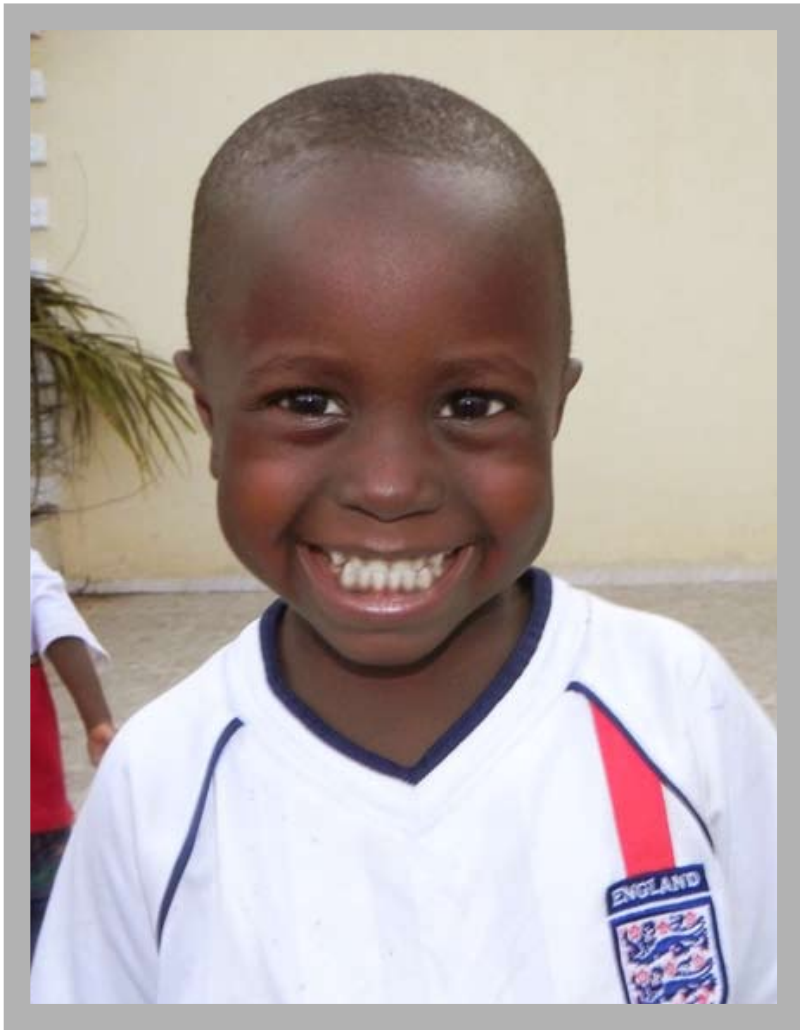
Our shipment of nappies (diapers) is now on its way to Sierra Leone via DHL! We are so grateful for DHL's tremendous support! Thank you to all who gave – in particular, **WestCon ME employees, who donated about half of the nappies, plus sheets and mosquito nets.** We SO appreciate you all!





HOLIDAY SHIPMENT FROM DUBAI

We are now planning for the annual shipment of holiday gifts from Dubai to Sierra Leone with DHL's wonderful help. **This year, we especially need children's clothing of all sizes – particularly for ages 12 to 16 years.** We also need donated **children's and adult shoes.** We have a current list of 90 children's names, ages, and sizes, if you'd like to shop specifically. **For more information, please contact Geri Mitchell at 050.450.8360.** Our deadline for collection is the beginning of December, so please get in touch with Geri soon! Thank you so much!



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