

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

December was a very busy month for the children of All As One. They enjoyed a lovely holiday time with three different parties – one with the **First Lady of Sierra Leone**, one for Christmas and one for New Year's Eve! **We also had five new children come into care last month – and almost all of them** are toddlers! One of them is 2-year-old, Sahr, who came to us through the Ministry of Social Welfare in Sierra Leone. He was being raised by a grandparent who could no longer continue to care for him or his 4-year-old sister, so we were happy to take them both into our family! Sahr arrived at the Children's Center just in time for the holidays, and has been adjusting well since then. We're so happy we could be there for him and the others – thanks to YOU!



As you can see, our family continues to grow. This means our needs for the children are also growing. We are so grateful for all of the tremendous support we've received, but we still find it difficult to meet all of our expenses each month. We really do need your help. If you can give a gift, please click on the following link:

[www.allasone.org/donate.php](http://www.allasone.org/donate.php)

**We wish you a joy-filled and prosperous 2012! Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We appreciate you so much!**

# Thank you, Romain!

Thanks so much to **Romain Julien**, model ([www.requestmodels.com](http://www.requestmodels.com)) and CEO of **Minuit Entertainment**, for turning his birthday bash into a fundraising event for All As One! The event was held in New York City, on January 13, at **Greenhouse** ([www.greenhouseusa.com](http://www.greenhouseusa.com)), and it raised almost **\$1800**, as well as providing priceless publicity for All As One! Romain's friends in the fashion industry gave their support, notably, the lovely **Ajak Deng** ([www.models.com/models/ajak-deng](http://www.models.com/models/ajak-deng)), who hosted the event.

## Romain writes:

"Thank you to **Ajak Deng** for hosting the event and collecting the donations. Thanks to **Chaniel Andran** for helping out, too. Thanks to **Clarence Fuller** and **Ruisdael Cintron** for supporting the cause and organizing the party. Thanks to **Azania Steady** ([www.azania.com](http://www.azania.com)) for performing that night, with your amazing voice, and **Jason Gazoo Allen**, the best MC in town. Thanks also to **Mathias Van Leyden** for helping me on the organization. A shout out to my man **Ryan Leslie** ([www.ryanleslie.com](http://www.ryanleslie.com)), for letting me help 'his' charity organization. All As One does an amazing job by making a life-impact for the children of Sierra Leone. God bless you all!"

**We want to add our own thanks to Romain and his friends for their tremendous support! The kids in Sierra Leone are thrilled!**



Ruisdahl Cintron, Romain Julien, Chaniel Andran & Ajak Deng





# VACATION FUN!



The kids really loved all the holiday toys, clothing, school supplies and school uniforms that were sent to them. ● Here they are, enjoying some of their new gifts and their party food! Thank you to all who made this such a special day for the children!



## Thanks to our first time supporters in December 2011 :

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