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

This month, I'm happy to introduce you to **David**, who is 4 years old. David's mom passed away in 2009, **when David was 10 months old**. His father had no means to care for David, so he took David to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs in Sierra Leone. We received a call about a baby boy needing a new home, and David came into our care that day.

David is a beginner in Nursery Class One. His teacher says, "As you can expect from a young child, he has a hard time paying attention in class. He would rather play and talk with his friends! Despite this, he is now learning how to write his alphabet and numbers." The caregivers report that David "is a very frisky boy, and he likes to play hide and seek and football (soccer) with his peers. He has a cordial relationship with his peers and members of the All As One staff. David eats a lot and likes ginger cake and biscuits. He also loves to dance!"



Thank you for being part of changing David's life. We owe all of his smiles to you and your support, without which we wouldn't be here. Please assist us in continuing to keep David smiling – along with putting smiles on the faces of all the other children we help. We NEED you!

# **NEWS**

#### DHL - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A big thank you to **DHL Dubai**, especially **Paul Dowling and his team**, for the December shipment to Sierra Leone. We also want to send heart-felt thanks to our **Dubai supporters** who donated children's clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, and school supplies for the kids! As always, it is such a HUGE help, and the children really look forward to it each year! Thank you for making our kids' holiday time so special!



#### **AGILITY'S HELP**

Thank you to **Agility Global Logistics in Dubai and Kuwait** for putting on the December **Street Ball Challenge** (a 3-on-3 basketball tournament) in Dubai. All As One is grateful to be the recipients of their effort. The **\$3500** raised will help so much in feeding and caring for the children in Sierra Leone! Thank you especially to **Frank Clary** for corporately setting this up in Kuwait, and to **Nandini Nadarajah** and his team, for putting it together in Dubai.





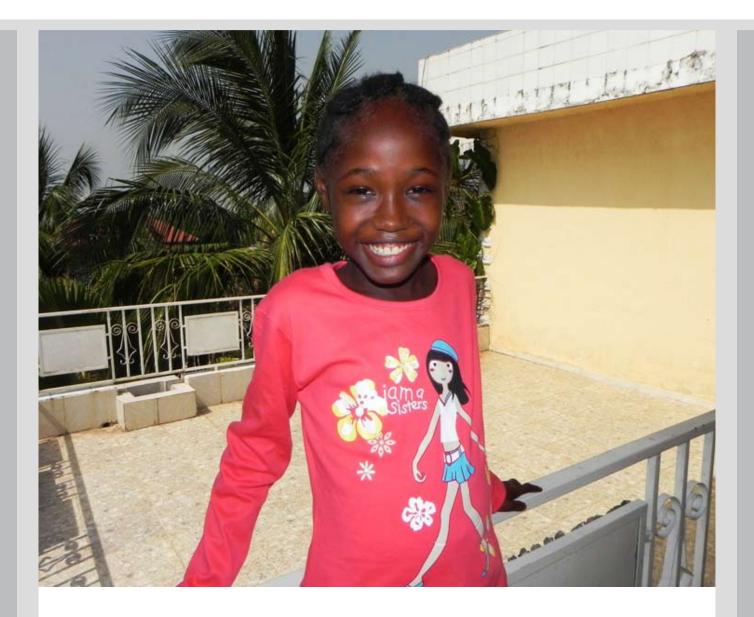
#### JW MARRIOTT HOTEL DUBAI

All As One is thrilled to have the support of the employees at the **JW Marriott Hotel Dubai**. This month we received a gift of **11,194.25 AED** (**\$3060**) to help with feeding and educating the children in Sierra Leone. We so appreciate this tremendous and vital support!

#### **BELTSHIP'S GIFT**

We want to thank **Beltship Management Ltd.** and some of their **suppliers in Singapore** for the recent gift of food items and mattresses for the kids at the Children's Center. We are really grateful! It is a tremendous help!





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

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

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

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