

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

**Betty** came into All As One's care about two years ago, at the age of 3 ½ years, after being abandoned by her mother and father. She was a malnourished little girl, who soon blossomed with the love and care she received at All As One.

Today, Betty has started in Class One (first grade) at the All As One Academy, and she is doing very well. She is described by her teacher as "clever" and a "promising girl." In school, Betty likes to keep the classroom clean, and also loves to read, sing and tell stories. Betty's favorite color is pink, and her favorite food is chicken stew and rice.

**Betty has a warm and infectious smile, and she has lots of reasons to smile – thanks to you! She and her friends have food, clothing, shelter, good health and a chance to attend school, because YOU care.**

Thank you for making it possible for Betty to have so many good things happen to and for her this past year. Please help us continue to provide for Betty and her friends living at the Children's Center in this coming year. Your help and support is needed now more than ever! **You can help us make 2014 the best year yet for the children in our care! God bless you!**

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If you wish, you can share your support on **Facebook** or **Twitter**, to let your friends know how they can support AAO, as well. **This is a great way to help the kids, while shopping as you normally would from Amazon!**

## AAO CHRISTMAS 2013

This year the children at AAO had a special Christmas at a nearby beach in Sierra Leone. Since the children had already had a special Christmas luncheon earlier in the month, and had opened the gifts and supplies sent in by DHL, it was decided that taking a trip away from the Children's Center would be an additional gift to the children.

Before leaving the Children's Center, the kids enjoyed special treats. Four large buses took 100 kids and 35 staff members to Number Two River, a beautiful beach outside Freetown. The kids had a great time at the beach, with good food and playing along the shore.

Thank you to everyone who sent support, gifts and supplies for the children to have such a magical holiday time!





## AZANIA VISITS SIERRA LEONE

We have a few more details to share about **Azania's** ([www.azania.com](http://www.azania.com)) trip to Sierra Leone. In a myriad of ways, she is helping to raise funds and awareness for All As One. We are so thankful!

On December 15, Azania and other artists performed in a benefit concert in Freetown. The event went superbly. There were many attendees, and the children of AAO had a great time! One of our kids, Monjama, sang a song, and several of the children performed a short play, re-enacting the experience of one of the girls of the center -- from arriving as a baby to growing into a healthy, happy, educated young lady. There were several performers -- singers, musicians, dancers, acrobats and entertaining MCs.

During her month-long stay in Sierra Leone, Azania did additional fundraising, as well as other performing at other events to raise funds and awareness for AAO. She had wonderful media support from radio, TV and journalists. (You can view one of her TV interviews at [www.brandsierraleone.tv/interview-with-azania](http://www.brandsierraleone.tv/interview-with-azania).) Altogether, her efforts raised a total of about **\$5000** for our building fund! Azania plans to continue as All As One's "Goodwill Ambassador" now that she is back in the US, and hopes to visit Sierra Leone again very soon.

## AAO BENEFIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 22, **Brian Ebersole** hosted a fundraising Christmas party in Tacoma, WA. It was a wonderful evening, with delicious food provided by **Lillian Hunter** and **Kerry Ramroop**. Shown in the photo are **Drew Ebersole** (Board Chair), **Deanna Wallace** (AAO Executive Director) and her daughter, **Jattu Amara**, with **Mark Langford** (Interim Police Chief for the City of Milton, WA). The event raised over **\$3500**, and we are extremely grateful!



## DAIGLEN SCHOOL

In December, the children at All As One received a delivery of Christmas cards from the students at **Daiglen School** in the UK. Our kids were thrilled to receive the drawings and notes that helped to make the holidays even happier. Thank you, Daiglen School!

## MARATHONERS TO BENEFIT AAO

The **Marathon des Sables** (MdS) is a race across the world's hottest desert. The vast Sahara stretches across North Africa, and temperatures can reach 132.8 degrees Fahrenheit (56 degrees centigrade). Each year, over 1000 people line up to participate in what National Geographic terms the "toughest footrace on earth."

This year, two of the competitors will be raising money for All As One. Father and daughter team **Len and Laura Collacott**, from the UK, will tackle the hardships of 150 miles across the desert, carrying all their food and sleeping supplies for the six day challenge.

*"I first heard of the MdS when I read an account written by a police constable I used to work with and always wondered if I was tough enough to do it,"* says Len. *"I knew I wasn't tough enough to do it,"* laughs Laura, *"but I wondered just how far I could test my willpower and resolve. To be able to complete such a rare accomplishment will be a privilege. Raising money for disadvantaged children in the process will hopefully spur us on to the finish line in the darkest hours."*

We are so honored that Len and Laura have chosen to support us, and are amazed at their courage and strength. To lend your support to Len and Laura in their challenge, please visit [collacotts.wix.com/mds2014](http://collacotts.wix.com/mds2014). **Thank you so much!**



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