

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace

AAO Executive Director

It's been almost a year since our darling Rashida came into care. Many of you will remember her, because you helped us help her during a very desperate time. **Rashida came to us very near death from starvation, TB, malaria and typhoid.** With your support, she was able to be in the hospital for four and a half months, under All As One's care and guardianship. In September 2010, she then came to live at the Children's Center, and has continued to slowly get better.

Rashida turned 2 years old last month, just about the time this photo was taken. I couldn't wait to share this milestone with you. Thank you so much for making it possible for us to celebrate with Rashida. ***I know she would not have seen her second birthday without your tremendous support.***

Thank you for putting the smile on Rashida's face – and for keeping our doors open this past year. We are grateful and only ask that you continue to lend us your support. It is greatly needed and much appreciated.

Please assist us in helping more children like Rashida, and in continuing to offer the best care we can to the children already in our home, in Freetown. Consider making a gift online at:





Fitness First recently raised **Dh 15,000** (\$4100) for the children in Sierra Leone. Our Dubai volunteer, **Jeannette Klaua**, gratefully accepted the gift on the children's behalf. We want to thank Fitness First for their incredible support. It is so appreciated!

We are delighted to welcome **Caroline Donnelly** as a new board trustee for **AAO UK**. Caroline has been a fantastically enthusiastic supporter for some time, and we are looking forward to her leadership with AAO.

AAO UK is in the early stages of planning a fund-raising and awareness-raising event, possibly for the autumn. **If you have experience in event management** and have a bit of time to spare, please contact **Ettaline Hill**, our UK director, at ukinfo@allasone.org.

One of our newer supporters, **Jonathan Morris**, is running the **London marathon** on Sunday, the 17th of April, and has chosen All As One as his charity. We are extremely grateful! In addition, AAO UK has just received some running shirts with the AAO logo and website information on them. **If anyone is doing a sponsored event and would like a shirt to show their "official" status, please contact Ettaline, at ukinfo@allasone.org.**

Singer/songwriter/producer **Ryan Leslie's** (www.ryanleslie.com) trip to visit AAO in Sierra Leone is being rescheduled for later this year. Once we have more specific details, we will let you know!

Thanks to our first time supporters in March 2011 :

Leann Butler - Rebecca Collacott

Thank you to those who gave over \$500 in March 2011:

AirMiles - American School of Dubai - Glenn & Marilyn Tosten - Jane Trower - Jody Bolling - Rebecca Collacott

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