

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

This month has been a time of celebration for little Sahr, one of our newest AAO family members. Sahr turned 3 years old on April 2, and also celebrated a lovely Easter holiday with the other children in our care. As you can see from his photo, he's a very happy toddler!



But Sahr wasn't always so happy. Last year, Sahr's father died, and his mother abandoned him. No extended family members were able to care for him. He was malnourished, barely existing in abject poverty, before being brought to All As One.

Sahr is now one of the "lucky ones." He has enough food to eat, a roof over his head, loving care, and a warm, dry place to sleep – all thanks to your help! Far too many children in Sierra Leone have none of these things. **New statistics estimate that Sierra Leone has 50,000 street children eking out a living each day.** These children have no regular meals, no roof over their head, no loving care, and no warm, dry place to sleep.

For these street children, life is going to get worse very soon. The rainy season in Sierra Leone starts in May and goes through September. Monsoon-like rains will deluge the country. Weeks will go by without a break in the rain. I shudder to think of what is going to happen to those thousands of children on the streets. The words that keep running through my mind are: **All As One can, and MUST, do more -- and we need your help to do it! Please give generously today, so that we can give more children a loving home and get them off the streets.**

GARAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

On **June 24**, there will be a community garage sale in Olympia, WA. One of our supporters, **Melanie Stewart**, has graciously pledged to donate all proceeds from her garage sale to All As One. She is also open to donations of items from other AAO supporters. If you live in the Puget Sound area and have items you would like to donate, or if you have items you want to box up and send to to All As One for the sale, please contact us at info@allasone.org or call **253.846.0815**. We look forward to making this a great fundraising event!

OFFICE IN DUBAI NEEDS FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES

We have been given a fantastic new office by our sponsors, **International Humanitarian City (IHC)** in Dubai. It is located in the IHC building, Dubai Industrial City.

We want to keep our costs to an absolute minimum, so that the kids in Sierra Leone receive all your support directly. For this reason, **we are asking for donated office furniture, computers and IT equipment, and other office supplies**, to help us furnish the new office. If you can help with this in any way please contact **Geri Mitchell** at **050 450 8360**. Thank you so much for your continued and valued support!



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