

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace

AAO Executive Director

All As One was founded in 1997, and we have been working in Sierra Leone since 2000. Our work began in the midst of a brutal civil war, and we have now seen the country begin a post-war recovery. **Although recovery is happening, there is still much to be done.** With this in mind, we've recently re-visited All As One's purpose (mission) and vision for Sierra Leone, and have now revised our mission and vision statements. I'm happy to share them with you here:

MISSION:

Providing Sierra Leone's children and women with education, health care and other basic needs – empowering them to develop a healthy nation.

VISION:

A strong and self-reliant Sierra Leone.

Notice that part of our primary mission focus is education. **Currently the adult literacy rate in Sierra Leone is 30%. This means that 70% of the population cannot read or write.** All As One believes this is an unacceptable statistic – and we're doing our part to change it, one child at a time.

Pictured here is Kelly, age 8. **Kelly was on the course to becoming another statistic in illiteracy until he came to live at the Children's Center.** Although Kelly had never attended school, he's now a pupil in the All As One accredited school, and is doing extremely well in his studies.

He has shown a great aptitude for learning and is a very bright little boy. We're thrilled that we can help Kelly start to reach his potential...and help to change one more child's life for the better. It's what makes this work worth doing!

Thank you for being a part of our efforts for the children and people of Sierra Leone. We are grateful to you for your awesome support! Because of you we can continue "helping ALL the children we can...ONE at a time."

Please continue to support us by giving online at:

www.allasone.org/donate.php





SIERRA LEONE

Art Education International (www.aeiweb.org) has their staff in Sierra Leone helping to teach our children and staff how to make batiks, beaded jewelry and other useful art projects. These photos show some of our boys hard at work with their beads and some of the girls beginning to dye their cloth. **We are very grateful to AEI for providing these wonderful classes – the kids and staff at AAO are so excited about it!**



US

We are hard at work on a new website that we hope to be able to unveil soon. We'll keep you posted! ● **Our second All As One Benefit Art Show is being planned for December 2011 in Olympia, WA.** We are already working on gathering donated art and have plans to make this an even more fabulous event than the first one! If you have any artwork you'd like to donate, please contact info@allasone.org, and we'll be happy to give more details! **We want to once again thank Mike, Ann & Majken Ryherd for organizing this event!**

UK

Jonathan Morris ran the London marathon in 2 hours 59 minutes and **raised £894.50** for AAO UK! ● The children at **Staines Prep School** sponsored a spellathon that **raised £758.30!** ● **Calvin Smith** did a sponsored walk and **raised £140!** ● **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!** ● We now have 33 regular UK sponsors, but we can always find room for more people who want to join our lovely family and help to sponsor the Children's Center. Please contact **Ettaline Hill** at ukinfo@allasone.org, and she will be delighted to give you the details. **For as little as £20 per month – much less than a cup of High Street coffee per day – you can help look after a child and watch them grow up, knowing you are part of their life.**

DUBAI

We are trying to put together a shipment of **urgently needed disposable nappies (diapers)** for the children at the Center in Sierra Leone. **We need them in all sizes – especially for children from the age of 1 to 3 years old.** We must act quickly on this, and need to collect all **by July 12th.** If you can help by donating nappies, please contact **Geri Mitchell** in Dubai at **050 450 8360.** **We are also thrilled to say that DHL has once again agreed to donate the shipment of these nappies to Sierra Leone!**

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