

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

This month, I want to introduce you to **Steven**. He came to live at the All As One Children's Center when **he was about 2 years old, and was dropped over the fence into our compound**. No one saw who dropped him, and he was not old enough to be able to tell us his name or anything about his background. He was given the name of All As One's country director, Steven Amara. To see a video of Steven on the day he arrived, please click on www.stayclassy.org/stories/dropped-and-abandoned-boy-now-thrives.

Steven has now been living at All As One for the past 6 years and here's what he'd like you to know about himself:



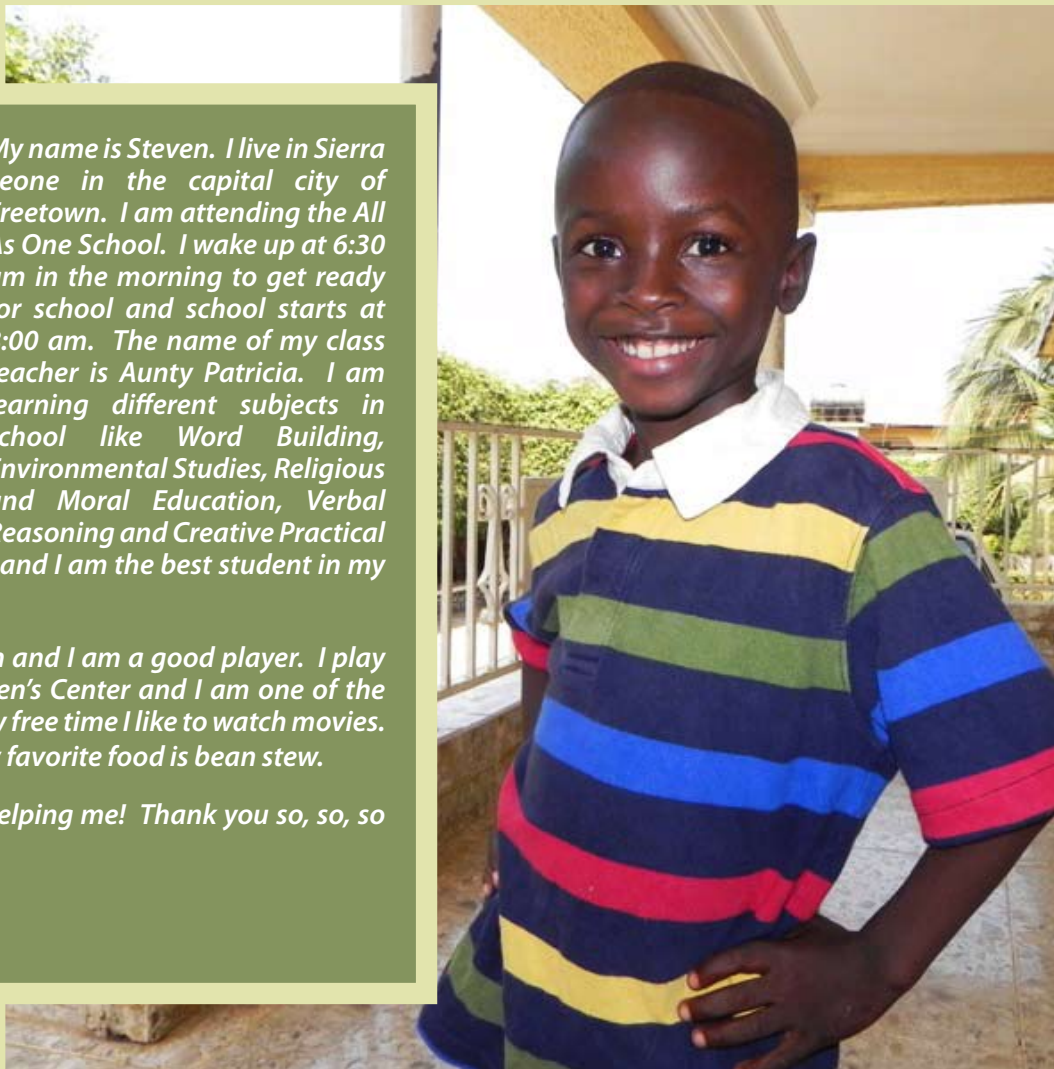
My name is Steven. I live in Sierra Leone in the capital city of Freetown. I am attending the All As One School. I wake up at 6:30 am in the morning to get ready for school and school starts at 8:00 am. The name of my class teacher is Aunty Patricia. I am learning different subjects in school like Word Building, Environmental Studies, Religious and Moral Education, Verbal Reasoning and Creative Practical

Arts. I love schooling very much and I am the best student in my class.

I love football (soccer) very much and I am a good player. I play on the junior team at the Children's Center and I am one of the best ones on the team. During my free time I like to watch movies. My favorite colour is blue and my favorite food is bean stew.

I am super excited to have you helping me! Thank you so, so, so much!

*Your friend,
Steven*



Steven is really an amazing kid! He is brilliant, respectful, friendly, athletic, artistic, and has very positive interactions with his peers and the AAO staff. I also love Steven's enthusiasm! It's true that he's "super excited" for all you are doing to make life better for him and the other kids in our care. He really appreciate your generous support! As Steven says, "Thank you so, so, so much!"



McConnells Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro!

Paul, Suzanne and Ryan McConnell climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in August, as a celebration of Suzanne's 50th birthday and a fundraising effort for All As One. We are so proud of their accomplishment – and grateful for their warm hearts and generosity to us! Thank you, McConnells, for helping to make such a big difference in the lives of the children in our care in Sierra Leone! You are all awesome!



GLAD Arabia party

We are thrilled to have a gift from **GLAD Arabia** that helps us to **provide food for our children for the next 3 months**. In celebration of the gift, GLAD Arabia sent t-shirts and banners to our children and sponsored a special party. The kids had a wonderful time! Thank you, GLAD Arabia, for your fantastic support!

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