

HELPING ALL WE CAN...ONE AT A TIME.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

I hope you are all safe and doing well. The kids in Sierra Leone are ok, so far, although the pandemic is now beginning to spread there. Please keep the children and our staff in your thoughts and prayers, as we keep you in ours.

This month, our hearts are warmed by one of our supporters, **Tom Rendall (PT Troop)**, and his team of athletic fundraisers. In past years, Tom and his team have climbed hills and scaled mountains for us, but this year things are, understandably, quite different. The original plan had been to cycle from Amsterdam to Bristol, but the current pandemic has put a stop to that. Nevertheless, they've come up with a creative way to help us — **Tom and his team of (at least) 30 will cumulatively run, cycle, walk or swim the circumference of the world, from isolation!** Between them, the team will be clocking **25,047 miles**.

As I mentioned last month, we had plans for fundraisers this spring, which, obviously, have now been canceled. This has made our already tight finances even tighter. We're also still looking for ways to come up with **\$16,000 for our annual rent**. We're VERY grateful to Tom and his team for finding a unique way to continue to fundraise for us, despite social distancing. **We're hoping some of you may also have some brilliant, online ideas for raising funds!** If so, please let us know, and we can feature your story in our newsletter & on social media!

Thank you to all of you for continuing to love and support the kids in our care!



Thanks to those who gave over \$500 in March 2020:

Allen Roberts (in memory of Polly)

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