

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AAO Executive Director

I'm writing this note during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, here in the US, surrounded by loved ones and new grandbabies -- plural!. I couldn't be more grateful for my family, friends and the dear supporters who have made my life wonderful, and made life POSSIBLE for the children of All As One.

But I struggle every month to find new ways to ask for help. I want to be optimistic about the work we are doing, while being honest about the urgency of our financial crisis. I know the other AAO volunteers feel the same way, and it can be a heavy burden. We want our supporters to feel excited about the difference they're making for these kids. **But hearing the latest amount needed each month (this month, it's \$9000), can make even the most optimistic of us feel like it's impossible.**

One of the biggest things going for us is our history. **And our history shows that we have been in extreme financial crisis, again and again, for reasons beyond our control, but have managed to stay open!** I have to believe that will remain the case. But it will not happen without your help, and without your spreading the story of AAO with anyone who's willing to listen -- your friends, your churches, your businesses. Please give generously, if you're able, and enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones. And thank you, again!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Alie came to live at All As One in 2011, when he was 20 months old. He's now almost 7 years old, and in first grade. His teacher describes him *"quiet, clever, participatory and obedient."* He is doing well in school and enjoys playing sports. He loves to sing and dance as well. Thank you for helping Alie to have this life!



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