

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

### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace  
AAO Executive Director

Well, we made it through 2016! That's an accomplishment I'm celebrating, since there were so many times when it didn't look possible. **Thanks to YOU, the children still have a home – and we're hoping you can help us make 2017 a year of turning things around.** We need your generous support as we continue to work on ways to be self-sustainable.

I'm thrilled to share the news that three of our kids have now graduated from Senior Secondary School, and will be going to university soon! They've been AAO kids all through their school years, and are all exceptional scholars. We are beyond proud of them!

#### \* AHMED

Ahmed came to live at AAO when he was 4 years old. He is a very good soccer player, as well as a brilliant student. He's also active in his church, and has a good heart. He's a very well-rounded young man.



#### \* MONJAMA

Monjama was 6 when she came to AAO. She is a beautiful singer, and is sometimes asked to perform at local events. She is also very good with the younger children at the Center, and is always a big help.



#### \* ISATA

Isata came to live at the Children's Center when she was 5. She is an accomplished artist, and won a national art contest when she was only 14.



Please remember these three and the other children with your thoughts, prayers and support. We appreciate you, and count on you to keep caring for these precious lives. **Wishing you all a love and joy-filled 2017!**

# ☆ THE HOLIDAYS WERE HAPPY! ☆



We want to thank **Selina Smyth** for sending gifts to the children, and also for providing the funds toward a holiday party for them, in December. We are so very grateful, and, as you can see from the photos, the kids had a wonderful time! Thank you, Selina, for making such a special event for them!



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