

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

As this year comes to a close, I find myself, like most, reflecting on the challenges and joys experienced over the past twelve months. All As One has had one of the hardest years in its existence, but we are still here, fighting for the children and underprivileged in Sierra Leone. In many ways, it is years like this that make the work even more meaningful for me, as I can see so clearly the difference being made.

I am so encouraged by the team of all of you, who struggle to give as much as possible to help the kids. Since my last note, we received \$11,000 to help with various expenses. In addition, we were gifted with \$1,000 to put toward the purchase of beds, as well as \$2,000 to use for a holiday party with gifts and a special meal for the kids. They will be thrilled! And we will have pictures of smiling faces to share with you in January.

Now comes the part where I tell you what's needed this month. I hate this part. **Our rent is due again, which is \$20,000 for the year. And we are still in need of \$9,000 for beds.**

That seems very doable! A few businesses wanting to make end-of-year charitable donations, perhaps? Or a special charitable gathering among friends during the holidays? Please consider passing our needs along to any and all who might have a heart for our work. We couldn't do any of this without you.



All As One would like to thank every one of you for your love and generous support this year. We send wishes for a lovely and meaningful holiday season to you and yours!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR THE KIDS THIS YEAR!

Signia Wealth Management in London took it upon themselves to make sure Santa arrives at the Children's Center this year. They purchased, coordinated and wrapped over 100 gift bags for the children! Each contains goodies, such as books, pencils, hair accessories and small toys. They even covered the cost of the shipment for us, which is no small thing!

A special thank you goes out to Managing Director, **Carnegie Smyth** (pictured right), and **everyone at Signia** who made this happen. We also want to thank the entire Smyth family – Carnegie's sister, **Selina**, his brother, **Scott**, and their mother, **Bobbie** – for being dedicated supporters of All As One for years. There will be lots of smiles at AAO this holiday season!





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