

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AAO Executive Director

As I reflect on the past year, I'm overwhelmed by thoughts of how so many of you came together to help save the kids of All As One and the work we are doing in Sierra Leone. To say this was a year of extreme challenges would be an understatement. But times like these just shine an even brighter light on ALL of the love and support we receive from you. There is SO much good in this world! I never want to forget that.

I want to share some of that recent goodness with you.

Pictured at right are some of our kids in the new football outfits sent to them by **Selina Smyth and her amazing family**. The beautiful smiles on the kids' faces are as bright as their colorful new clothes. They also sent a box of holiday goodies (LOTS of candy), which always goes over well! **We can't thank the Smyth & Daly family enough for all they do for the kids.**

My wonderful aunt, **Judy Chase**, sent a special gift used to buy the children new clothes, for which they couldn't be more thankful and proud. **Thank you, Aunt Judy!**

Megan Crow, niece of our great supporter Suzanne McConnell, made loom bracelets in the colors of Sierra Leone's flag, and gifted them to all of the AAO kids. They were thrilled, as you can see! **We want to thank Megan so much for her lovely and generous heart.**



And, finally, here is a heartfelt note from **Eula Ramroop** (pictured below with some of the children), AAO's US Board Chair, upon her return from visiting the Children's Center in Freetown:

"I am humbled to share about my visit last week to the All As One Orphanage in Sierra Leone. This was one of the greatest highlights of my week in West Africa.

"I am happy to report, the children are vibrant, happy, bright, articulate, well adjusted, talented and charismatic! I have returned with a newfound passion for supporting these resilient children after speaking with them, hugging them and being toured around the orphanage by them.

"As the Board Chair, who is humbled by what I saw and experienced at the orphanage, I implore you to take a moment to garner the support of your community to allow these children to benefit from our abundance.

"Please note, all donations are tax deductible. More importantly, the gratitude and the return on the investment in these lovely children is priceless!"



We appreciate all you have done in 2019 to make our work possible! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Please help us do the same or more in 2020 by making a year-end gift today at www.AllAsOne.org.

Happy New Year to all of you!

Thanks to those who gave over \$500 in November 2019:

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