

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

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Deanna Wallace

AAO Executive Director

I'm excited to be able to share WONDERFUL news with all of you, for a change! In fact, this month's letter will be overflowing with gratitude and many exclamation points!

First of all, we have exceeded the funds needed for the move, thanks to **Crossing Borders**, **Dubai Duty Free** and **SO many of you**, who gave freely and generously!

As many of you already know from our Facebook page, all of the children are safe. Some of them have been in temporary foster homes with church members, and others with extended family members we've been able to find. The remainder have been able to stay with us, as the move was temporarily delayed. The delay was a godsend, as it's been a difficult task to find a landlord willing to rent to an orphanage — understandably! But we have just now found a building to rent, and right in the nick of time. More info and photos will be shared in the coming months, as we get the children settled.

I want to dedicate the rest of this newsletter to thanking as many of you as possible. The children will have a home because of you! Granted, we have a long road ahead of us, and we will continue to need your ongoing support. But we want to take this moment to celebrate you and these victories that mean so much.



## PARIS TO BRISTOL CYCLE CHALLENGE 2019

"Team Tom" (currently with 17 members and, already, many wonderful donors) is at it again to raise funds for AAO. They've assembled a "motley crew of cyclists" (their words!) with the ambitious notion of pedaling from Paris back to Bristol in three days, beginning on June 14. Their longest, grueling day of riding will be 180km, but they've proven that they will do anything for the kids! **We love "Team Tom!"** If you'd like to sponsor their ride, or just check on their progress, click on the link below:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/ParistoBristol2019



#### SUZANNE McCONNELL'S FUNDRAISER & AUCTION

Our longtime supporter **Suzanne McConnell** not only hosted a GoFundMe fundraiser this month, but also organized an auction, with gifts donated from several local businesses in Doja, to benefit All As One. With the help of her son, **Ryan McConnell** (in photo with Suzanne, at right), Suzanne sprang into action to help AAO as quickly as possible.

We'd like to thank the following businesses and individuals, who donated their services:

The Staff of Starbucks City Centre (pictured below)

Volkswagen Hire Car Co.

Staybridge Suites

Sheraton Fitness Centre

Marie Quigley - Life Coach

Ryan McConnell - Wellness Consultant

Vishnu Prasad - Yoga Teacher

Kozma & Kozma Beauty Salon

Grand Hyatt

Anahi Brown - Wellness & Lifestyle Coach

Paul Bakery

F45 Gym

Hulda Amine - Local Artist





We would also like to thank **Noora Fahad** (pictured above) for helping Suzanne with the campaign. In total, both events raised **\$4,000**! Suzanne already has plans in mind for future fundraising opportunities to help children of All As One. **A million thanks to Suzanne and all those who helped her!** 

## SHAE D'LYN'S FUNDRAISER

Approximately 10 years ago, actress and humanitarian **Shae D'Lyn** visited the Children's Center with **Kevin Jackson** and **Eric Liebman**, as part of their **HearME Imagine Project**. The visit was a profound experience for the kids, and Shae fell in love with them. Now the Acting Teacher/Director at **Humanity Studios**, Shae continues to spread awareness about so many in need — especially the children of All As One. Within hours of hearing about our most recent troubles, Shae organized a fundraiser that collected **\$1,851! We are so grateful to Shae and her wonderful friends for their help!** 



# **SO MANY TO THANK!**

Typically, due to space constraints, we don't list **ALL** donors in each newsletter. **But, this time, we wanted to list all who gave in APRIL & MAY of 2019, including those who donated to fundraisers.** Please forgive us if your name was missed! And to all who donated anonymously, know that we appreciate every one of you for caring for our kids!

Adrian Baez Ortega - Adrian Hernandez's Fundraiser - Alessandra Moresco - Alice Poli - Alina W Allison Barnett - Ani Nwaiku - Anis Hassan - Azania Steady - Bill Rehanek - Bill & Gwenda Stewart Brooke Powell - Bryan Yang - Carla Darragh - Carmen Fankhauser - Carnegie Smyth Caroline Donnelly-Wilson - Caroline Williams - Celia Stuart - Chris Holmes - Cindy Willman - DAR David Duffus - David Pleva - Deanna Wallace - Deborah Algosaibi - Della Tamari - Dorothy Smith Ed Gragert - Eleanor Graham - Elizabeth Thew - Emily Oomen - Erin Quigley - Ettaline Hill Ferdinand Schafer - Gary Shrum - Gary Willis - George T. Syrianoudis - Georgios Topulos Geri Mitchell - Gill Pearce - Greg Malone - Guy Bonwick - Hayley Crow - HBK lan & Karen Evans - Janice Berridge - Jattu Amara's Fundraiser - Jake Webb - Jeffrey Atkinson Jessica Tsng - Jim McNickle - Jim Turner - Joan Rines - Joi Dougherty - Jon Tayler Jordaan Wolfson - Juan Lencioni - Julie Phillips - Katarina Boustedt - Kate Suber - Keith G. Allen Keith and Christine Wilson - Kelly Hargraves - Kim Greene - Kirin Ohbi - Leila Feinstein Leonard T BoothStodd - Leonard & Marilyn Pitts - Leslie Bumstead - Liam Trump - Linda Wrigley Linus O'Brien - Lisa Rotondi - Lisa Teitler - Liz Terry - Logan Jonsey - Louise Williams Luce Goulding & Pete Birch - M Gruber - Madelaine Plail - Maha El Nahas - Mary Bradfield Mary Humphries - Mary Joy Rupa - Mark Scott - Mark Trottenberg & Suzanne Pillsbury Martin Cable - Matt Lecuyer - Maureen Gumbe - Melanie Brown Maddux Michael James & Majken Ryherd - Michael Usher - Michelle Shaw - Middleshmertz, Inc. Mike & Carolyn Brauer - My Drop in the Oceans - Nadine Nicole - Niall A. Paul - Niki Hawthorne Noora Fahad - Oreste Foppiani - Ozlem Shahbal - Patricia Burke - Patty Brown - Pamela Wade Paul Humble - Peggy June - Peter Tan - Pritha Mani - QPM - Rachel Thomas-Sutcliffe Ralph Damiano - Raph Colella - Rebecca Collacott-Trickett - Rein Uding - Richard Bowie Richard & Jackie Byford - Richard Lepper - Robert Doorbar - Roberto Paolo Riggio - Robin Cubbage Ryan Homchick - Samantha King - Sandra Delaney - Sandra Robinson - Scanu Marco Scott Smyth - Shelley Daltrey - Sondra James - Stephanie Davis - Stephen Smith - Steve Bell Steven Depue - Suzanne Hathaway Kelliher - Tracy Morton - Victoria Bartlett - Virgin Money Giving Virginia Hamilton Jago - Windmill Care - Zainab Huguet

#### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO GAVE OVER \$500:

Al Roberts (in memory of Polly) - Azania Noah's Benefit Concert - Bobby Wallace - Dave & Jen Brauer Crossing Borders - Dubai Duty Free Foundation - Eula & Kerry Ramroop Isatu Funna & Philippe von Hammerstein - Jim & Sherri Wallace - Judy Chase - Kelly Novorita Paul McConnell - Polly Archer & David Walker - Shae D'Lyn's Fundraiser - Sharon Beecham Suzanne McConnell's Fundraiser & Auction - Zaid Gardner & Claire Molloy

The generous support of all of you is what makes this work possible.

Thank you for being part of our team at All As One!