

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

I hope this note finds you well, and you are enjoying the summer months. We're still trying to get fully settled into our new premises, and, for the kids and staff, this has been a big upheaval. I think it is going to be a long process for everyone, but we are so grateful to be able to continue doing what we can to care for the kids who so desperately need us.

The older kids have now moved into separate living quarters in Freetown, and we have expanded the number of children from the community who are attending our school. We're hoping to start taking some new children in soon. It's progress!



At the end of June, we were happy to welcome a **Global Giving** site visit with their field worker, **Dalila Sumani**. She was the first visitor to our new location, and it was wonderful to meet with her and get her help and feedback. Dalila is pictured here (*light green shirt and black pants*) with some of our staff and a few of our kids. Global Giving does site visits regularly to make sure that charities on their website actually exist, and are doing the work they say they are doing. Dalila wanted me to share that, *"All As One IS providing under-privileged children and orphans in Sierra Leone with education, shelter and other basic needs."*

I know it's summer for most of us, but, in Sierra Leone, it's the rainy season, with flooding and mudslides, making things much more difficult. **Please help us continue to provide for our beautiful kids.** We need your ongoing support, and are so grateful for it!



PARIS TO BRISTOL CYCLE CHALLENGE 2019

On the evening of June 16, the 19 cyclists of "Team Tom" completed their charity cycle ride from Paris back home to Bristol. The trip was arranged and organized by **Tom Rendell** of **PT Troop**, who has led two other events, previously, in support of All As One UK. In total, this event raised **£14,720.63**, which was an overwhelming and amazing gift to us!

One of the cyclists, **Laura Collacott**, said:

"Sierra Leone is one of the world's poorest countries and has suffered from Ebola and landslide setbacks in recent years. All As One is a grassroots charity, so every penny goes directly to pay for care of the children in the Centre. This was a mixed-ability group of cyclists so it was a great triumph to make it back all in one piece."

When asked what motivated **Claire Hollingdale** to undertake the three-day ride, she said:

"I work with young children every day here in Westbury-on-Trym, and I appreciate how important a good education and a sense of belonging is to children in their early years. By accepting this challenge, I knew it would help All As One make a real difference to children's lives in Sierra Leone, and test me mentally and physically! I was overwhelmed by the generosity and moral support from the staff and families at Jack and Jill Preschool, and feel very privileged to have been able to complete the challenge and raise money for such an important cause."

We can't begin to express our profound gratitude to this amazing group. Thank you, Team Tom!



SO MANY TO THANK!

We are thrilled to have **Romain Julien** (*left*) and **Sacha Perochain** (*right*) helping to raise funds and awareness for All As One. Both are from France, and have been friends for years. Romain has hosted fundraisers for AAO in the past, but now these two friends are working together with a shared goal of bringing help and happiness to our kids. They are also planning a visit to the Children's Center in the fall, and hope to share much of their experience via social media. We will keep you posted! In the meantime, if you'd like to donate to their fundraiser (with all proceeds going to AAO), you can do that here:

www.gofundme.com/helping-all-as-one

Thank you to Sacha & Romain for their big hearts, and for caring so much about the children of Sierra Leone!



➔ If you are working to raise funds for All As One, we'd love to hear from you, so we can share your efforts in our newsletter. Just send us a note at info@allasone.org, and we will put Jen in touch! (*Jen writes our newsletters, and LOVES these stories!*) **As always, we are deeply grateful for your support!**

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