

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

I want to start out by saying how incredibly grateful we are to our supporters for raising **\$5000** to meet last month's budget deficit! It is a constant encouragement to see how many step up to help when we are in financial crisis -- especially when it seems as though the crises are never-ending. **This month, we have a shortfall of a little more than \$4000, and we are asking for your help once again.** If you're able, please make a gift here...

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But now it's time for an All As One success story! **Monjama** had been abused and abandoned when she came into our care at the age of six. Initially, she was shy and skittish, but, through the years, has blossomed into a creative, brilliant and lovely young woman. She has a beautiful voice, singing solos at church and competitions around Freetown, and is described as *"friendly, neat and respectful!"* Monjama is an excellent student, in her last year of senior secondary school, and plans to attend university next year, with the goal of becoming an accountant. She hopes to, one day, work for the World Bank.

Monjama is one of four AAO kids getting ready to transition to university next year. We are extremely proud of the outstanding young achievers we've raised. From 6th grade on, each child must pass challenging and rigorous standardized testing, in order to be allowed to attend school the next year. **We're proud to say that, each year, ALL of our students pass those tests!** This is quite remarkable, considering the number of children we're educating and the fact that they don't have parents to help motivate them or celebrate their successes in the same way that many other children do. We make it a priority that our children strive for academic achievement, since it is the gateway to success as adults in Sierra Leone. Our kids have more than exceeded our expectations!

Monjama's success (and that of the others following her) is due to YOU and your support for our work. You are helping raise a new generation of Sierra Leoneans who have the power to change their country and the world. **School starts for our kids next month, and we need assistance with the school fees – at least \$5000.** Please help us continue this vital work by clicking on the links above. Thank you for making it possible for the kids to have a future filled with so much promise!





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