

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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AAO Executive Director

I hope this autumn season has been lovely for all of you. If you're lucky enough to live in a place with changing leaves, it provokes an almost constant state of awe. In the midst of this beauty, I'm also in awe of how loyal and generous all of our supporters have been. Every time we've been right on the brink of disaster, you've stepped up and kept us going.

Once again, I'm faced with the dilemma of how to ask for help in new and compelling ways. But there are only so many words that can be used to say the same thing — **we are still struggling financially, and this makes it hard to concentrate on doing the things we need to do for the kids.**

Although there's not much detailed news to share this month, we want to keep in touch with supporters, because we know you care. It's always so touching when you reach out to ask how things are going. I look forward to the day when I'll have great news to share! A remarkable turn-around! A surprise benefactor! A new partner in our work! But, until then, just know that we are doing all we can for these kids, and we're so thankful for you. More than words can say.

Please give as you are able, and share our need with as many people as you can find who will listen. Every new supporter or business that wants to join us in our work makes an enormous difference. Thank you for all you do!



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