

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

This month, I'm feeling especially thankful for the support and love we receive from all of you and our volunteers. I've mentioned it before, but **the only paid staff of All As One are the Sierra Leonean caregivers and teachers at the Children's Center.** Without our dedicated volunteers around the world, working behind the scenes, we would be lost. The children count on every bit of this help.

One of those children is **Joyce**, pictured above. Joyce came into our care when she was 2, and is now 9. She is in Class 3, and has been struggling a bit with school. Lately, however, she has been improving in her school work, and we hope that this will continue. Joyce tends to be quiet in class, but is very sociable, and loves talking with her friends when class is over. Caregivers describe her as *"friendly, accommodating, respectful and helpful!"* She is athletic, loves to play sports, and is hardworking in the home. Joyce and all of the other children need you in order to continue to grow and flourish in Sierra Leone.



We are currently working with singer and All As One volunteer, **Azania Noah**, to open an AAO branch in Switzerland. This could be such a help for us, reaching an entirely new population, and we couldn't be more thrilled. Azania says:

"I've had this desire in my heart for quite some time, and I'm excited to get the association all set up to help All As One on a larger scale than I've been able to do in the past here in Switzerland."

➔ I look forward to sharing more about this in the coming months. For now, I will just say that we need you now more than ever before to give generously, as you're able, and to share our needs with all of your friends. **Currently, we need \$6000+ for our December budget.**

To make a donation to All As One, please visit our website at www.allasone.org. As always, we are deeply grateful.

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