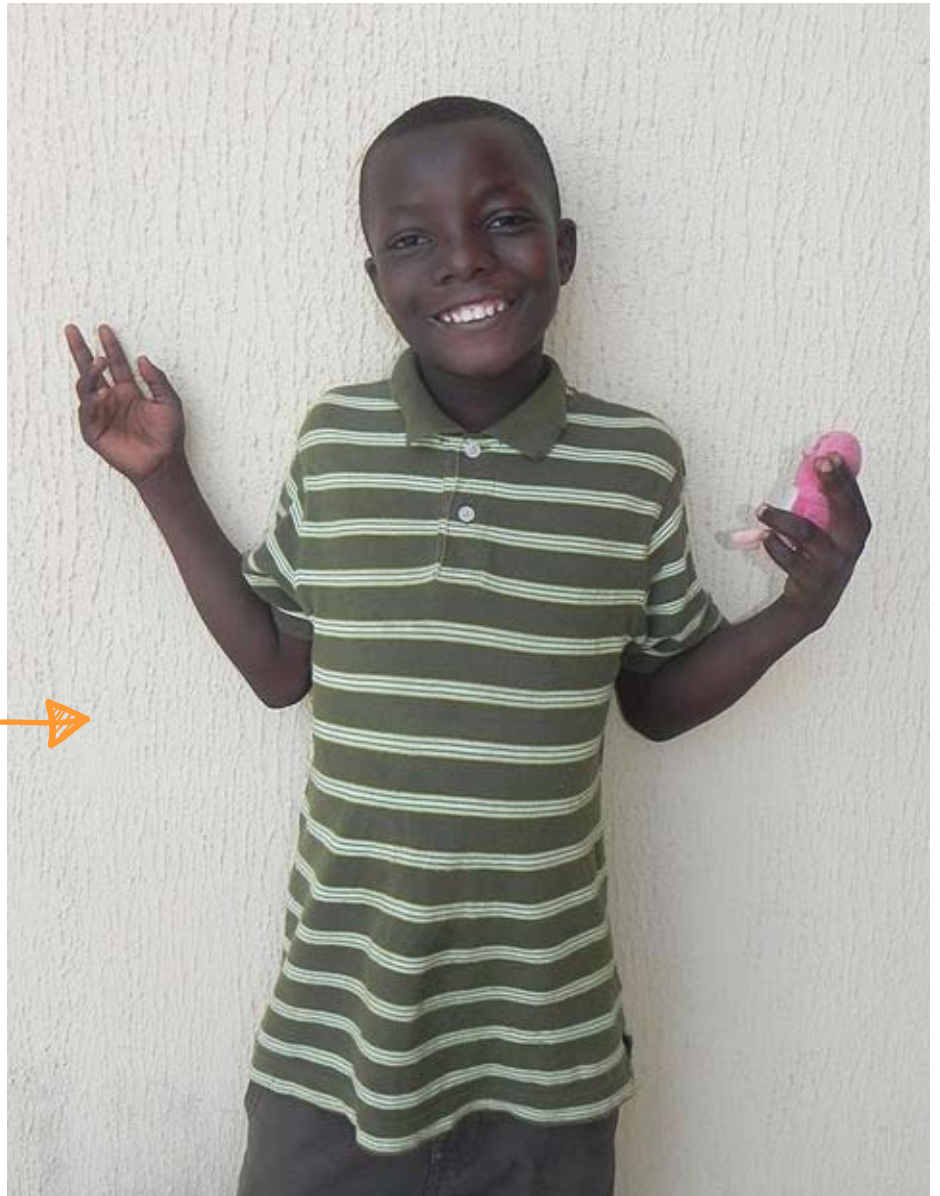


## HELPING ALL WE CAN...ONE AT A TIME.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace  
AAO Executive Director

This month, I want to introduce you to **Francis**, who has been living at the All As One Children's Center since he was six months old. He's now 12, and growing into a handsome young man. He's facing some challenges along the way, and is struggling with school right now. But his "aunties" and "uncles" at the Center say that he is "friendly, helpful and nice to his peers." They also describe him as punctual and regular in attending school. He likes to play football (soccer), his favorite color is red and he loves to draw and paint. Francis is a sweet boy, with lots of potential.



The Children's Center is the only home Francis has ever known, **but his home is now under threat, because we are finding it hard to make ends meet.** I know this is a common refrain, and I wish it weren't, but, for the sake of Francis and the other children in our care, I have to keep saying it. Your help is urgently needed NOW. **Your help goes DIRECTLY to the care of the children in Sierra Leone. All of the people working to help All As One outside of Sierra Leone, are volunteers. All of the people working for All As One IN Sierra Leone are Sierra Leone nationals.** We do everything we can to provide the kids with a loving upbringing and the chance to be educated, productive and responsible adults – and we do this with dwindling resources. We could use your help right now in a big way.

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