

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

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace
AAO Executive Director

This month, I'm happy to give you an update on one of our shining stars, **Margaret**. She's really growing up, and becoming a lovely young girl. I can't believe it has already been 5 years since she came to live at the Children's Center! She's 10 years old now, and in the 4th grade. Margaret has been through a lot in her young life, but she continues to make wonderful progress. Her teacher says that Margaret struggles a bit in school, but that she is making a real effort to get good grades. In the home, our child care staff say that Margaret is very helpful, caring, and she even likes to do household chores! Typically, she loves to watch movies and play balance-ball with her friends. Her personality is very warm and friendly, and she gets along well with others. She's just an overall lovely girl!

→ We are so proud of Margaret and her progress. She's just one of so many other kids in our care who need your support. Will you please help? Your support makes all the difference! We appreciate YOU!

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THANK YOU, ALLISON!

Allison Barnett (right, in photo), of **Patina Gallery** (www.patina-gallery.com) in Santa Fe, NM, held her belated Bat Mitzvah, and used this special occasion to raise funds for the children in Sierra Leone. We are so thrilled to have her support – and her efforts raised over \$5000! Her friend, **Ziva Gunther** (left, in photo), also celebrated her belated Bat Mitzvah and joined in raising funds too! Thanks so much, Allison and Ziva!

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