



Building a future for Africa's children

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## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE...**

**Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director**

I'm thrilled to report that the children are enjoying their new home in Marjay Town, Freetown. It's a lovely setting with lush landscaping and room for the children to play outdoors. **We're currently still working toward raising the \$55,000 needed to complete our land purchase in Grafton, Sierra Leone and we'd love to have more monthly supporters join our sponsorship program!** But, we are extremely grateful for the support we've received and appreciate your help so very much!

The cliché is that a picture is worth a thousand words – and I think that's true when I look at this recent photo of some of our kids in Sierra Leone. Their smiling faces tell the whole story!



**Thank you, as always, for your terrific support!**



## CHRISTMAS 2007 PHOTOS

Thank you again to **DHL** in Dubai for shipping the Christmas gifts to the children – and to **all those who gave gifts** to make the holiday so special! Here are a few photos of the children with their gifts.

**They are all so grateful!**



## A Unique Donation

We've been surprised and pleased at the unique and creative ways people are finding to give to All As One. **Ben & Genevieve (Rosvall) Twoomey** included All As One as a recipient of donations, in lieu of gifts, for their recent wedding. They worked through Divine Wedding services at [www.ourdivinewedding.com](http://www.ourdivinewedding.com).

Genevieve, a flight attendant, had heard about All As One through the media for a few years, and then met a family on one of her flights who were adopting a child from All As One. This solidified her desire to help.

Genevieve writes, *"In our minds, the most immediate action was to ensure that people willing to contribute to our future happiness channeled this to a worthy cause, hence the donations in lieu of wedding presents. We are fortunate and believe that the small contribution from our family and friends will make a difference on other people's lives. I am sure running the orphanage must take much hard work and resources and the fact that we have been able to contribute in this small way has made us both very happy."*



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**All As One now has a designated web page at [firstgiving.com](http://firstgiving.com)!**

This provides our supporters with a simple and efficient way to raise money online for the children of All As One.

To create **your own** All As One fundraising web pages for any event or occasion, simply go to [www.firstgiving.com/allasone](http://www.firstgiving.com/allasone) and click on **"Get Started."** The web site will then guide you through the process, and you can begin sharing it with your friends and family.

***We're excited to see what creative things you'll come up with to raise funds for AAO. The possibilities are endless! Please let us know about your efforts, as we'd love to feature your story in future newsletters. Thank you in advance!***

# Recent Dubai Fundraisers

We're so happy to thank a few of our wonderful supporters, who have generously given to help keep our orphanage, school and medical clinic operating. A special acknowledgement and thanks goes to:

**Victoria English School in Sharjah**, who donated **\$3,345** in January. This money was raised through a Skip-A-Thon done by children in the primary and kindergarten sections of the school.

**Sharjah English School**, who donated **\$805** in February. This money was raised through festive events held at the end of the autumn term 2007.

**Dubai Marathon participants** who raised funds specifically for All As One. Several groups independently raised funds for All As One during the January Dubai Marathon sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank.



Alex and Izzi, who ran for All As One. *Together they raised over \$9,300* for AAO through the firstgiving.com website.



Jo Phllimore and her husband, Iain, who also ran in the marathon and raised awareness and funds for All As One!

# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED SO GENEROUSLY IN JANUARY!

Alan and Sue Norton  
Alex Borthwick  
Alfred Johnson  
Aline and Cyrus Mayar  
Allison B. Barnett  
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