

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

The children are all doing well and settling into life in their new home in Marjay Town, Freetown. **We are experiencing a bit more electricity than usual and also more water – so that is a terrific blessing!**

Unfortunately, the cost of food and needed supplies in Sierra Leone has doubled and tripled since last December.

Inflation is again running rampant. As you can imagine, this is putting a strain on our budget – so we continue to need your support, especially now.

Pictured here is one of our latest arrivals to the Children's Center. This little baby was abandoned by his mother and brought into our care last month. He's a beautiful infant who is healthy and doing well. He's also our "newest" reason to appreciate your gifts and support! ***Without you, we could not continue to keep our doors open for the children who so desperately need care.***

In addition to our ongoing monthly expenses which must be met, we are moving forward with our plans to purchase six acres of land in Grafton, Sierra Leone, in order to eventually build a new women and children's hospital, school and children's home. Generous donors have given funds for the express purpose of buying the land, and thanks to a huge donation of \$31,610 this past month from the Horizon School in Dubai, we now have the actual purchase price of the land covered! We're just short the final \$30,000 to pay conveyance and survey costs (prescribed by Sierra Leone laws), after which the six acres will officially be ours!



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**There is so much to be thankful for this month -- especially for your continued support!
Thank you for being such a wonderful encouragement to our work in Sierra Leone!**

House Party Fundraising!

**Searching for an easy way to help raise funds or awareness for All As One?
Consider having an All As One house party!**

Invite your family, friends, co-workers, business acquaintances, neighbors, and any others who might be interested in helping support our cause. Make it clear that the party is a fundraising event, or an informational evening, with All As One as the theme. You can then have brochures or other information about All As One at the event, and put a donation basket by the door for people to leave checks if they wish. There is no “hard sell” – just a chance to get together for food & beverages with friends, and give them the opportunity to help out a worthwhile cause.

On February 25, a private fundraising house party was held by Mike Ryherd & Ann Daley in Olympia, WA. The event raised over \$6650 for AAO -- with more still coming in. We are so encouraged by the outpouring of support, and wanted to share his success with you. We have found that a house party is a fun and low-key way to raise both awareness and funds for the Children’s Center!

Another fun way to get your friends involved is to create your own fundraising webpage to benefit All As One at www.firstgiving.com/allasone. With this service, you can rally support from your entire e-mail list, by giving them the option of donating online through your webpage. The FirstGiving site provides a unique way to track donations! To learn more, please email info@allasone.org or call 253.846.0815.

See for yourself how easy it is to begin raising funds to help us reach our goals!



Some of the All As One children having their own “house party”! Consider joining them in a fundraising house party of your own!

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Horizon School Fundraiser

On February 29, the Horizon School in Dubai held its annual dinner/dance to benefit All As One's work in Sierra Leone. **This year a total of \$31,610 was raised to help complete the purchase of the six acres of land in Grafton, Sierra Leone!** With the purchase of this land, All As One can now begin to realize the dream of building a new women and children's hospital, school and children's home to benefit thousands of Sierra Leoneans.

Cathy Forbes was the force behind the organization of the event. Her wonderful enthusiasm and commitment was amazing. She worked full-time on everything for the days and weeks leading up to the big night!

Marion Sinclair's (Head Teacher) leadership and commitment to the cause truly ensures that All As One is at the forefront of the school's humanitarian support and education. **Mick Todd** was emcee and auctioneer for the night and really did a great job with his Aussie humor!



A group of children at Horizon School, along with Matthew Morgan-Jones and Marion Sinclair, Head Teacher, with the HUGE check for All As One!

Along with the above people, we also owe a huge debt of gratitude to:



Matthew Morgan-Jones, AAO's Country Director in Dubai, with Cathy Forbes and Till Huesecken, who put in the winning bid for the "6 Desert Adventures" from Orient Tours.

Emma Flanagan, who helped with organizing the event and collecting sponsorships

Heather Mitchell, who helped with organizing the event and collecting massive amounts of sponsorship from Jumeirah

Shazia Book, who helped with organizing the event and collecting sponsorships

Andrew Hoad, the DJ for the evening

Jayne Myers, Horizon's PE teacher, who acquired a number of sporting memorabilia prizes

Martin Tomlinson, Renate Fernandes, Uwe and Kerstin Hohmann, Felice and Reza Moeinzadeh, Alistair McKenzie, Helen Hoad, Keith Flanagan, and Pam Grist, parents who donated/acquired prizes

David Thomson of the **Jebel Ali International Hotels** for donating so many prizes!

We also want to sincerely thank all the parents, teachers, and friends of Horizon School for their support in attending the dinner and purchasing raffle tickets and participating in the auction! You have helped to lay the foundation to literally change the lives of thousands of Sierra Leonean children and families! Thank you so much!





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You make our work possible!

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