



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

**Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director**

This month has been especially difficult at the Children's Center, as we grieve the loss of one of our little ones. Saidu came into our care about a year ago and was extremely malnourished and sickly. We were able to keep him alive and were optimistic that he would get better quickly. Although he improved significantly over the next few months, it was discovered that he had sickle cell anemia. This meant that Saidu's immune system was vulnerable and he endured much pain. Despite these obstacles, Saidu grew into a happy and playful boy. He became one of our "poster children" and was known around the Center for beating on his little drum with a big smile on his face. He brought so much joy to everyone he met!

A few weeks ago, Saidu became ill. The doctors suspected TB and he was taken to the hospital at the end of April. Every effort was made to save his life, but after about a week in the hospital, Saidu took a turn for the worse and passed away on May 3, 2007.

We are all grieving the loss of Saidu, our dear little drummer boy. His beautiful eyes and sweet smile will always be remembered. Although it is hard to lose one of our beautiful children, we know that there are many children's lives we have saved and continue to try and save every day. Our hearts are grieving, but we're reminded that we cannot stop. Saidu's passing is an impetus for us to do more, to care more, and to reach more children whose lives are at risk.

**The orphaned and abandoned children in Sierra Leone need your help. Please consider a monthly sponsorship of All As One. 500 pledges of just ONE DOLLAR A DAY (or \$30/month) for a year, will cover the operating expenses of the All As One Children's Center. We currently have 186 monthly pledges, but we need 314 more in order to reach our goal. Please join us in helping build a future for the children in our care. Your support will make it possible for our work to continue, and for lives to be saved.**

**For more information, email [sponsorship@allasone.org](mailto:sponsorship@allasone.org), or sign up today at:**

**[www.allasone.org/donate.php](http://www.allasone.org/donate.php). Thank you.**

## CHILDREN'S CENTER UPDATE:

The summer months are typically times of low funding for the Children's Center and we're particularly in need of our supporters remembering us during the months of June-August. Since those months correspond with the rainy season in Sierra Leone (torrential rains and unceasing dampness - with corresponding higher repair, maintenance and living costs), it hits us particularly hard. We ask that you continue to donate even during the summer months so that the children's care doesn't suffer. **Thank you so much for your help and support!**

## CHILDREN CARING ABOUT CHILDREN

**Lakeside Elementary** is in full-force fundraising mode! They raised **\$107** with their **bake sale** last week, and will be having a **used book sale** this week. These funds will be added to the donations given by the students themselves, and the Treasurer's office will send AAO the total amount when the school year has ended. We will be excited to report the amount raised during these 6 months! **The students and faculty of Lakeside have been so committed to AAO, and we're so thankful!**

The **4th-graders of Lakeside** have written letters to **Oprah Winfrey** on behalf of AAO and the kids of Sierra Leone. **This is one more example of the concern and character of these students, and their desire for the whole country to learn about and help children less fortunate.**

The summer months can put school events for the **CCAC project** on hold, but you can still be involved in helping the kids of AAO. **Swim clubs, youth groups** and **intramural teams** can all make a huge difference! Contact us at [schools@allasone.org](mailto:schools@allasone.org) for more information.



### AAO receives grant from The \$10 Club!

In response to our urgent need to help resolve the water crisis at the Children's Center, **The \$10 Club** has generously given All As One a grant in the amount of **\$3710!**

**The \$10 Club** ([www.thetendollarclub.org](http://www.thetendollarclub.org)) is a group of compassionate individuals who donate \$10 every month, which is pooled together and used to fund a poverty alleviation project. They chose All As One for their May project in order for us to **buy and install more large water tanks**. We will have enough from the grant amount to buy **new outdoor kitchen stoves and extra-large cooking pots** that we desperately need, as well as some other urgently needed supplies. We are thrilled with this wonderful gift - and appreciate it so much!

**Thank you to all the members of The \$10 Club for helping to make such a significant difference in the lives of the children in our care!**

### Goodstorm partners with AAO

to help raise awareness and funds for the Children's Center, by featuring one of our T-shirts on their home page! **Thank you Goodstorm!**

**If your group, club or organization would like to help spread the word about All As One, consider letting us design a T-shirt integrating your name/logo with the AAO message.**

Go to [www.goodstorm.com/stores/allasone](http://www.goodstorm.com/stores/allasone) (page 2) to see the shirt designed for Cascade Christian School's "CHeartinSL" group. (*Shirts are printed on-demand through Goodstorm, to eliminate the need for purchasing large quantities and various sizes.*) Contact Jen Brauer at [jen@allasone.org](mailto:jen@allasone.org), and she'll work with you to create something fun that will benefit both your organization and the Children's Center!

### THANK YOU...

To **Jeff & Lina Hull** and **Glenn & Marilyn Tosten** for their generous gifts toward the urgent water supply crisis and ongoing Children's Center needs.

To **Jody Bolling** for the gift in memory of **John Bolling**.

To **Port Lavaca Associates** for the gift in memory of **John Bolling**.

To **Erica Larsen Burbano** for the gift in memory of **Luther Larsen**.

To **Elliot & Beth Raizes** for the gifts in memory of **Nick Vivori, Josh Overton, and Arnold Gardner**.

To **ALL of our Dollar-A-Day sponsors & regular supporters** for your continued generosity and compassion. We could not continue this work without you!