

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Matthew Morgan-Jones, Country Director, Dubai

4-Dirhams-A-Day Appeal to Help the World's Least Developed Country

We've had a very successful 2007, and we're extremely grateful for all the support we've received from the generous residents of the UAE. It's exciting to look back and see how far we've come – but it also makes me realise how far we still have to go!

In the wake of the latest United Nations Human Development Index, which has ranked Sierra Leone as the world's least developed country, your support is needed now more than ever to ensure that the orphaned children in our care continue to receive shelter, food, water, medical care, education and the chance for a better future.

I am urging you to **help us reach our goal of 300 new 4-Dirhams-A-Day sponsors in 2008** to keep the All As One orphanage, school and medical clinic in operation. Sierra Leone faces dire needs with limited futures for the children of the next generation. Further support and funding toward the Sierra Leone appeal will allow our vital children's programs to be continued. For a mere 4 dirhams a day (AED120 per month), people can sponsor All As One's ongoing work and be assigned a special child who they can significantly help to give a better future.

As a valuable sponsor, you will receive a photo and information on a child whose life you are helping to save. Sponsors can choose to contribute monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, or make a one-time yearly donation.

Jebel Ali International Hotels is one of a number of UAE supporters of All As One, and kindly sponsors orphaned children from the Sierra Leone orphanage as gifts to corporate clients.

The hotel group's **GM of Corporate Affairs, David Thomson**, said: *"Jebel Ali International Hotels felt it had a corporate social responsibility to give back to those in need, and this charity has proved to be a very valuable gift to our clients that lends long-term support for children living in impoverished nations."*

Individual and corporate sponsors receive regular updates and photos of the children they are helping so that they can clearly see how their donations are making a huge difference in the lives of destitute children in Sierra Leone.

To receive a sponsorship form, contact All As One at info@aaodubai.org or sign up online at: www.aaodubai.org/dirhams.php.

**Please tell all your family and friends about the 4-Dirhams-A-Day program, so that we can reach our goal!
We are so grateful for your support and help!**



Desert Diamonds, is donating all proceeds from the sales of their "Circle of Friendship" charity pendant (pictured at right) to All As One.

Priced at 150 dh, it is the gift that keeps on giving.

Contact **Stephanie Hamilton**, at hams3@mailme.ae, for information on ordering the pendant.

So far, Desert Diamonds has raised Dh 18,000! They will be extending this promotional event into Valentine's Day, so start thinking about purchasing this pendant for your sweetheart!

Thank you to Desert Diamonds and Stephanie for their generosity and for offering this gift to us!



Celebrate the Leap Year with fun, food, music and dancing at the Horizon School Charity Dinner Dance!



As those of you who attended last year's event will agree, it was a fabulous evening AND it raised over **Dhs 85,000** for AAO.

This year's event will be held on Friday, Feb. 29th, 2008 from 7:30 - late, at the Emirates Golf Club. **Horizon School will be holding two raffles:**

- The **Virgin Atlantic raffle, exclusively for attendees at the Dinner Dance.** First prize is two return tickets to London with Virgin Atlantic and one night's accommodation at the Jumeirah Lowndes Hotel in Knightsbridge, London. There are other wonderful prizes but you've got to be there to win!
- The **general raffle, open to all. Tickets will be on sale starting on January 27th.** The first of many prizes is one term's school fees, sponsored by Horizon School.

Ticket Price: Dhs 250, inclusive of food and entertainment.

For booking information, please contact:

Cathy Forbes, Horizon School, P.O. Box 6749, Dubai, UAE

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Ticket sales close on Thursday, January 31st, after which your tickets will be mailed/delivered to you, or available at the Emirates Golf Club on the night of the event.

Christmas 2007

We've had a busy month in Sierra Leone with the moving of the Children's Center to our new location in Marjay Town, Free-town. The children were very excited to move into their new home, and have been settling in well. Christmas was a wonderful time of opening gifts, dancing and singing. Unfortunately, we do not yet have internet access at the new Children's Center, so we don't have photos to share with you at this time. **But stay tuned -- we will send out photos of the children at Christmas sometime very soon!**



TRIPLET UPDATE : We're thrilled to report that Moses, Caleb, and Joshua, the 3-month old triplets featured in our newsletter last month, now have **two sponsors giving a total of \$300 a month** toward their care and feeding. This money will go directly to the baby formula, medical care and other necessary supplies for these precious infants. **Thank you so much to our generous donors who make our work possible!**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED SO GENEROUSLY IN DECEMBER!

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