

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Matthew Morgan-Jones
Country Director, Dubai

I'm really pleased to let you know that we've moved into our new Children's Center location in Marjay Town, Freetown! We've rented a brand new compound that has a main home and a separate smaller home as well. We'll be able to use the smaller home (two bedrooms) for the older boys and the main home (with six bedrooms) for the infants, toddlers, and older girls. Although the homes are smaller than our previous location, they are considerably nicer and we're absolutely delighted about the change!

As you can see from the top two photos at right, the outside of the new and improved Children's Center is especially beautiful – and we're thrilled to have found such a wonderful place for the children's home!

Despite our excitement about the new home, we're also hoping that this is only a temporary location for us. We are now in the process of buying six acres of land in Grafton, Sierra Leone, for our new expanded Children's Center, school and clinic. Four of the acres are paid for, but we still need to raise the funds for the additional two acres. **A total of about Dh 240,000 is needed to complete the purchase – and we're hoping to be able to raise these funds by March 2008. If you can help toward this amount, please let us know!**

Pictured at the bottom right (in the darker area of brush and trees in the middle of the photo) is part of the four acres of land that we are purchasing.

It is wonderful to have this beautiful new home for the children, and it has been made possible through the outpouring of support we've received from you this year! You've done so much to help us make a huge difference in the children's lives!



An Evening for Africa with Sir Bob Geldof...



Sir Bob Geldof was in Dubai on November 21, 2007 for an AirMiles-sponsored event, with proceeds benefiting All As One. **The evening was a wonderful success that raised over Dh 185,000!**

Guests were treated to a three-course dinner at the Al Habtoor Grand hotel and an auction was held to raise funds for the Children's Center. One of the most popular items to be auctioned off was artwork done by the children of All As One and autographed by Geldof!

"There is a need to support Africa, especially the grass-roots organizations. We need to put much focus on education and trade," said Geldof, the Irish rock star and

antipoverty campaigner. During the evening, Geldof also congratulated Dubai's Country Director, Matthew Morgan-Jones, for his contribution and help to AAO.

All As One is deeply grateful to our team of volunteers in Dubai headed by Kelly Barker and Jeannette Klaua, who worked so hard to make the evening successful. We're also grateful to the sponsors who donated artwork and other auction prizes, and to all those who gave generously during the evening. Of course, a HUGE thank you to AirMiles ME, Transguard Group, and Sir Bob Geldof for their wonderful support!



(L-R) AAO volunteers Jeannette Klaua, Geri Mitchell, Matthew Morgan-Jones, Ettaline Moore, Kelly Barker at the Evening with Sir Bob Geldof event. This team worked long and hard to make the evening a great success!



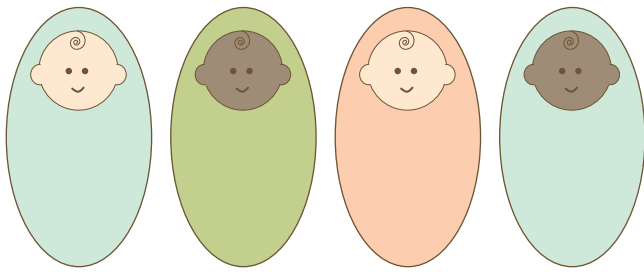
GIVE A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Consider giving an All As One "gift" to your family and friends during this holiday season. The recipient of your gift will receive a card from All As One, informing them that you have contributed on their behalf, and letting them know that they are helping to build a future for a child in need. It's a wonderful way to honor a loved one and give a gift of lasting value to a child's life. You can make your special gift online at www.aadubai.org/honor.php. Thank you so much for your generosity. We can't continue to help the children without you!



If you want to donate Air Miles to All As One...

Air Miles ME has made a special arrangement that they will **triple all donations to All As One in December 2007**. To donate, go to www.uae.airmilesme.com/en/reward/category/treats-gifts/charity. Once you've made your donation to AAO, AirMiles will then triple your gift to AAO!



babies for change

apparel for the socially conscious infant

AAO volunteer, **Jen Brauer**, has just opened a new online shop called "*babies for change : apparel for the socially conscious infant*" -- and she has made AAO the beneficiary of **ALL profits** made from the store!

Another AAO supporter, **Erin Jones**, gave Jen the idea to put humanitarian messages on baby clothes. "She pointed out that everyone looks at babies, so what better way to get the word out about helping other babies?" Jen said.

Jen is currently running the shop through CafePress, who will print the clothing on demand and handle the distribution of all profits to AAO. She has created a large variety of designs for "the socially conscious baby," including **some items featuring the AAO logo**. Those items will not only benefit AAO financially, but will help to raise awareness for us. **Shop, everyone!**

www.cafepress.com/babiesforchange

Caleb, Joshua and Moses need your help!



Triplets, born on October 19, 2007, have recently been brought to AAO for assistance. Although the triplets aren't living at the Center, their biological parents are destitute and cannot adequately care for the infants' basic needs. We want to try to keep these little ones alive (and keep the family together, if possible) by helping to cover the costs of the babies' food, shelter, and medical expenses. We've already given Dh 1480 worth of emergency assistance to the family this month, but we need your help to continue providing support for at least the next six months. We are looking for a sponsor (or sponsors) willing to help with the **Dh 1110/month** for the triplets' medical care and feeding, until at least June 2008. The mother can't breast feed, and it costs about Dh 740 a month just for baby formula! Please let us know if you would be interested in helping these beautiful boys. Contact info@aaodubai.org, or donate online at www.aaodubai.org/donate.php -- and please mark your gift as "for the triplets." Thank you so much!



All As One is thrilled to have the support of the American School of Dubai (ASOD). Recently, a school-sponsored "**Swim-A-Thon**" was held to raise funds for AAO. It was a huge success and raised over **Dh 30,000!** We appreciate all of the hard work and efforts of the staff, parents and students at ASOD on behalf of the children in Sierra Leone. **Thank you so much!**

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 17,000! 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!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS GIFTS THIS PAST MONTH FROM:

Colin Saldanha

Helen Codd

Sara Elliott

Philip and Yvonne Elliott

Elizabeth Williams

Mark and Heather Farrell

AirMiles ME and Transguard Group

American School of Dubai Swim-A-Thon team



**WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR SUPPORTERS IN DUBAI,
FOR THE WONDERFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS SENT TO THE CHILDREN IN DECEMBER...**



Kelly Barker, Jeannette Klaua, Ettaline Moore, and the other terrific volunteers in Dubai, Paul Dowling (DHL super hero) and his great team, Billy and Selina Smyth (and friends), and all those in Dubai who donated gifts so that the children could have a very HAPPY HOLIDAY!

And thanks to Bobbie Smyth, who also sent Christmas gifts from the UK!

