

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace

AAO Executive Director

This is Roland who has been living at the Children's Center since he was just 6 weeks old. Roland is now walking and changing from an infant to a toddler. It's fantastic to see his progress! **When he first came into care we weren't sure he was going to survive, but we've been able to watch him grow healthy and strong.** What a blessing to clearly see how All As One's work is changing children's lives. Roland is just one of hundreds of children we've been able to save in the past ten years, thanks to your support. Roland and all the others are very grateful!

It's the holiday season, and the children are busy decorating the Children's Center, anticipating their holiday gifts and parties. I was going to feature a smiling and happy child on this page, but Roland's recent photo grabbed my heart. He's just staring into the camera with those beautiful eyes, obviously not quite sure about having his photo taken. But something in his face speaks to me. I know Roland probably ran off smiling once the photo was taken, but at that moment he was still and thoughtful. That's where I find myself right now. This past year has been an extremely difficult one for All As One, financially. We're coming to the end of the year, not having the funds needed to pay all the budget expenses. So I find myself still and thoughtful and prayerful.



It's not the most comfortable place to be during this joyous time, but it is a good time for reflection. I look at all the vibrant and special children we've been able to help through the years, and I know I'm blessed. I remember all the ways that you have come alongside us to help in this work, and I know I'm doubly blessed. I count you as partners, friends and family.

The work for the children in Sierra Leone is important. It matters. One of the most important things you'll ever do is save a child's life – and that's exactly what you do when you support our work. Please give generously so that this vital work can continue.

www.aaodubai.org/donate.php

Thank you for the lives you've helped us save already! Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

Our heartfelt thanks go to **The Physics, Sol, Yirim Seck**, and **Jake One** for their concert in Seattle on November 26. A special thanks to AAO Board member, **Jamie Badilla** (pictured at right), who did so much to help put the event together. A great night was had by all who attended, and it was lovely to see such support for the kids of All As One!



The **Takoma Park Homeschoolers in Maryland**, held a bake sale to raise money for All As One in December. The kids range in age from 18 months to 13 years old. They baked cookies and breads, made signs, and then told customers about All As One while selling the baked goods. **They just sent us a check for \$326.85!** We are so thrilled to have their wonderful support, and we want to thank our AAO dollar-a-day sponsor, **Leslie Bumstead**, for organizing this special fundraiser! We love it when kids help kids in Sierra Leone!

The **All As One Benefit Art Show** is coming up on **January 27, 2011**, at **The Loft in Olympia, WA**. We have artists from all over the world who are donating pieces, and we're so excited for this event being hosted by **Mike & Ann Ryherd**. There is still time to let us know if you'd like to donate art. For more information, please contact info@allasone.org.



The **2011 All As One calendars** are now ready!

In Dubai, you can order yours for only **Dh 30**, by calling Geri Mitchell at 050 450 8360. **We are so thankful to XEROX in Dubai, for donating the printing of these calendars so that every dirham can go to help the kids in Sierra Leone!**

For those not in Dubai, you can order your calendars from **our online shop**, where CafePress will print-to-order -- www.cafepress.com/shopaao

The shipment of holiday gifts is on its way from Dubai to the children in Sierra Leone! **DHL has once again donated the shipment of the boxes and the children are eagerly awaiting the arrival!** We are so grateful for all the donations! We want to especially mention very generous donations from **Babyshop, Jebel Ali International Hotels, Courtyard Marriott, Auntie Ollie** children's clothing, **Jackie Byford**, and **Selina Smyth!** Thank you to everyone!

We are forever grateful to **Azania** (pictured at right) for her wonderful support to the children of AAO at her benefit concert in Geneva, Switzerland, on November 28! Visit www.allasone.org/media11.php to see Azania's interview on **Journal des Bonnes Nouvelles** (in French), where she talks about All As One.



Thanks to our first time supporters in November:

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