



DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

I hope this letter finds you well, and that all of you are enjoying the summer.

There is much happening with the Children's Center at the moment. We have just received written notification that **we must vacate the current building housing the Children's Center, by December 17, 2007**. The landlord wants to use the building for another purpose, and has given us six months notice.

This news has sharpened our focus on raising the funds needed to purchase land and build a new Children's Center, clinic and school, in Sierra Leone. We're also looking into other locations to rent (at least temporarily), but would much rather be able to move into our own compound. Finding a rental facility large enough to include a home for all of the children, plus the clinic and school, would be very difficult.

We urgently need your support to make this move possible. Thank you in advance for your prayers and gifts. We will keep you posted on our progress!



I also want to tell you about our youngest residents at the Children's Center. Twins (a boy and a girl) arrived recently at just a few days old. This photo of one of the twins shows how tiny they are! Their birth mother died during

childbirth and the twins urgently needed a new home. This scenario is not uncommon in Sierra Leone, which has the **highest childbirth mortality rate in the world. 1800 in 100,000 women die during childbirth**, compared to **8 in 100,000 in the US**.

This is one of the main reasons why All As One's doors need to remain open.

Please consider how you can help us reach our goal for the new Children's Center. We're so appreciative of your assistance in providing a place to care for the babies and children in need!



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We are excited to report that the first year of our Children Caring About Children project was a great success!

The **4th-graders of Lakeside Elementary**, in Cincinnati, Ohio, were the first to join us, at the end of November. They donated funds on their own, and then enlisted the rest of the school to help. They had a schoolwide bake sale and used book sale. They were featured in 3 local newspapers, and wrote letters to Oprah Winfrey, asking for help. **And, by the end of the school year, the children had donated a grand total of \$1633.79!**

Laura Wallace, Deanna's daughter, started a group at **Cascade Christian High School**, in Pullayup, Washington, to raise funds and awareness about the situation in Sierra Leone. **In the short time since their formation, they have raised \$123.88!**

Deanna's 4-year-old granddaughter, **Olivia**, asked her classmates at the Selwyn School, in Denton, Texas, to help All As One. **In one afternoon, the children had donated \$6.27 from their own pockets!**

Margaret Avenue Senior Public School, in Canada, had a bake sale and **raised \$277.80!**

If we had such success with 4 schools, imagine what this next year can bring when even more join the project. To get a head start on the planning for this fall, contact schools@allasone.org.

Thank you for such an amazing effort, kids! Your generosity and concern for the children of All As One has been an example to all of us.

got cartridges?

We are seeking businesses and individuals, to recycle their printer ink cartridges to benefit All As One. This is a great way to raise funds for the Children's Center, and help the environment at the same time!

This program includes free shipping (simply drop the baggies into a mailbox), or FedEx will come to your office to pick up a full collection box! If you are interested in signing up for this program, please contact us at info@allasone.org, for free pre-paid shipping bags or boxes. **Thanks for your help!**

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