



Building a future for Africa's children

# All As One Newsletter

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Deanna Wallace, AAO Executive Director

Last month I wrote about our youngest residents at the Children's Center, and showed a photo of one of the twins shortly after arrival. I'd like to share a photo of that same baby a month later. As you can see, she's growing and doing much better after just a short time. **Thanks to your continued support of All As One, we are able to continue to save these precious lives!**

We are still urgently looking at possibilities in order to move the Children's Center to a new location by December 2007. **To be able to purchase land and begin building, we need a significant amount of funding** (probably at least \$75,000 just to purchase land). If you would like to make a donation specifically for our building fund, please let us know and we'll " earmark " it for that purpose.

As you may be aware, the presidential election in Sierra Leone is due to be held on August 11, 2007. The situation in Sierra Leone is becoming more difficult and violence is breaking out in the provinces. The cost of food and other necessary items are rising sharply in Freetown. The situation is very tense as we await the outcome of the election. We

would appreciate your prayers especially during this time. As I've said many times before, you are the foundation of our work. I so appreciate all the ways that you reach out to the children of Sierra Leone to help make a difference in their lives. **Thank you, sincerely, for your wonderful support.**

## ONE DOLLAR A DAY CAN SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD...

We know that you have heard this many times from us, but we can't stress it enough. **\$1 per day can make a significant difference in the lives of the children of All As One.** Not only does it help pay for their shelter, food, education and medical care -- it helps to provide salaries for the Sierra Leonean caregivers, teachers and more, who meet the daily needs of the children. **Please consider the impact this sponsorship can make, and whether it is something you can fit into your budget by sacrificing something small each day -- one cup of coffee, a soft drink, etc.** If it is not possible for you at this time, please share this information with your friends and coworkers, who may be able to help. **THANK YOU!**

## HOW TO HELP

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

To become a **DOLLAR-A-DAY SPONSOR**, click on [www.allasone.org/donate.php](http://www.allasone.org/donate.php).

To make a **DONATION**, click on [www.allasone.org/donate.php](http://www.allasone.org/donate.php).

Purchase **AAO T-SHIRTS** by clicking on [www.goodstorm.com/stores/allasone](http://www.goodstorm.com/stores/allasone). You will **benefit the children** (the profits on each sale go to support the Children's Center). You'll also **be a walking billboard** for AAO, and **look cute** at the same time.

**We need your help with fundraising!** For ideas on how you can join our team of volunteers, contact Jen at [jen@allasone.org](mailto:jen@allasone.org).

If you would like us to **DESIGN a T-SHIRT** integrating your **group name/logo with the AAO message**, contact Jen at [jen@allasone.org](mailto:jen@allasone.org).

## RUNNING FOR THE KIDS OF AAO!

Brave and energetic supporter, **Geoffrey Warwick**, will be running to benefit AAO, in the **Sydney City2Surf Charity Run 2007**, on August 12. The Sun-Herald held the first City2Surf 37 years ago. What began as a small community event has become an annual Sydney institution, which attracts people from all over Australia, and is now one of the biggest fun runs in the world.

**Geoffrey wants to raise \$3000 for AAO, and he has \$1285 in pledges thus far.** If you would like to encourage Geoffrey on his run and help him reach his goal for AAO, please go to [www.firstgiving.com/wefferson](http://www.firstgiving.com/wefferson).

**Good luck, Geoffrey, and thank you for your generous heart!**

**All As One had a great yard sale** this month in Tacoma that raised **\$659.30**. We are hoping to have these yard sales quarterly when possible. A special thank you goes to **Greg and Tami Foltz** and their family (**Ann Marie, Meredith, Eric, Marvel**) for donating items, letting us have the yard sale at their home and for all of their hard work during the 2-day sale. We'd also like to thank **Forbes & Jean Gildersleeve, Glenn & Marilyn Tosten, Mike James & Majken Ryherd** for their donated items. If you are interested in donating items in good condition (or new) for our next yard sale, please contact [info@allasone.org](mailto:info@allasone.org) or call us at **1.253.846.0815**.

## THANK YOU...

To **our volunteers and supporters** in the US and Dubai who have helped so much to keep the Children's Center running this past year.

Special thank you to **CHOITHRAM'S, IIRME** and **Mr. Kosta Petrov** in Dubai, for their generous donations to All As One this past month.