

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE...**

**Deanna Wallace**

**AAO Executive Director**

Our newest arrival to the Children's Center is baby **David**, who is almost one year old. He arrived a few weeks ago, and is happily settling in with the other infants and children in our care. David was malnourished when he arrived, but he's doing great now, and is a happy and playful baby. It's such a blessing to be able to help him and the other sweet kids in our care. Thank you for making it possible for us to keep the orphanage open, through your generous support. (And just so you'll know, little **Blessing**, who has been featured in our last two newsletters, is doing really well, too!)



What All As One is trying to accomplish for the children of Sierra Leone is really an uphill battle, against great odds. It has been an amazing journey over the past nine years, and we've faced some of the most difficult challenges imaginable. But, I've been encouraged lately by some really caring people, who have been reaching out to sincerely help make a difference for AAO and the children of Sierra Leone. In this newsletter, you'll learn about the cool musicians of **Peacefield**, and you'll read what former NBA superstar, **James Donaldson**, is doing to help. What an awesome inspiration they are to me!

And, there are others that you'll be hearing more about in the months to come. **Christian Pearce**, **Nadine Heimann**, and **Walter Solala** of **HOW (Helping Others Worldwide)** are planning several projects in Sierra Leone in collaboration with AAO in November 2009. One project will be two weeks of art therapy classes for the children at the orphanage and those in the surrounding community. We're really looking forward to it!

I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it – All As One has the most incredible supporters in the world! You are all just amazing and such an encouragement to us. **Thank you for all the ways that you have given and continue to give, especially during these summer months. We need and appreciate your gifts now more than ever!**

# Peacefield Sponsoring AAO's kids!

**Peacefield**, a band based in Austin & San Antonio, Texas, has made the generous decision to sponsor AAO, and work to raise awareness about the Children's Center. **One of the band's founders, Jeff Glatz, explains how the guys became involved in helping AAO:**

*"I was first introduced to All As One by Jen Brauer, an old friend from high school, and I began to read about the dire situation in Sierra Leone. Peacefield has been involved with various charitable organizations in the past, so after visiting the AAO web site and seeing the images of the orphans, it was easy to feel moved to help in some way. Personally, it was the pictures from 'Red Nose Day' that got to me. I thought it was beautiful to see kids so happy with something as simple as red clown noses.*

*"We've noticed in the past that with larger charities, it's sometimes hard to see where the contribution goes. Because of AAO's size, we can actually see the impact of our donation, and know what needs to be done next. It has a family feel. We can recognize the faces of the children, and learn the staff by name. That's a nice feeling.*

*"As a band, there are simple ways for us to spread the word about AAO and the work they do. We have passed out information at shows, and tried to be ready to answer questions (or at least get answers for people, if we don't know). Little things like wearing an AAO t-shirt on stage draws people's interest. It's all about word of mouth. We'd like to plan some fundraisers down the road, and get other bands involved. Maybe even a compilation CD, with the proceeds going to AAO. The possibilities are endless. But the first thing we did was sponsor the children."*



Check out the band at [www.myspace.com/PEACEFIELD](http://www.myspace.com/PEACEFIELD), or on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pages/PEACEFIELD/16353403635](http://www.facebook.com/pages/PEACEFIELD/16353403635)).

**We want to thank all of the members of Peacefield for their creativity and desire to use their gifts and talent to help our kids!**



## The new AAO Shop

has more colors, styles & products than ever before!

The new shop site features men's, women's & kid's apparel, as well as mugs, note cards, Sigg water bottles, and more!

*With no item marked up more than \$1.01*, this shop offers a variety of ways to raise awareness for All As One!

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# All As One Hero!



**James Donaldson**, is a 7'2" former basketball superstar with a 20-year professional career. He played in the N.B.A. with the **Seattle Supersonics**, **San Diego/L.A. Clippers**, **Dallas Mavericks**, **New York Knicks** and **Utah Jazz**. James was an N.B.A. All-Star in 1988, while playing as center for the Dallas Mavericks. Upon retiring from the N.B.A., James came home to Seattle, becoming a motivational speaker and owner of a physical therapy business, **The Donaldson Clinic**. ([www.donaldsonclinic.com](http://www.donaldsonclinic.com)).

Currently, he is a Seattle mayoral candidate.

Along with his numerous outstanding accomplishments, James has also found time to devote himself to helping youth in impoverished communities. James' association with All As One began in 2008 when he agreed to be on our honorary board. Since that time he has been actively working to help us reach our goals.

**We are thrilled to announce that James will be hosting a fundraising event for All As One, at the Columbia Tower Club in Seattle, WA, on October 3, 2009.** More details will be available next month, but we want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to James for his genuine heart of compassion for the children of Sierra Leone! He is truly an All As One superstar!

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who make our work possible!***

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