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Tak for indkaldelsen til bestyrelsesmøde i fonden tirsdag den 4. december hos advokat Molde i Amaliegade. Jeg glæder mig til mødet.

Jeg har fra SOS-Børnebyerne fået en ansøgning om et beløb til børnehaven tilknyttet børnebyen i Islice i Letland. Det drejer sig om køb af køkkenudstyr, bøger og sportsinventar til børnehavens 33 piger og 40 drenge. Prisen for udstyret er 30.500 kr., og beløbet vil være med til at gøre hverdagen og det pædagogiske tilbud i børnehaven bedre for de 73 børn.

Her følger et uddrag fra årsrapporten fra SOS-Børnebyerne i Letland:

"SOS KINDERGARTEN ISLICE"

Following important and interesting events took place in SOS kindergarten Islice during 2006.

In March there was an exhibition – competition of children's art in the SOS kindergarten. Most talented children from kindergartens of Bauska region participated with their works. Totally 33 kids and their parents came to Islice kindergarten and enjoyed a day of art there.

At the end of April four pedagogues and an interpreter had a possibility to go to Sweden for an exchange visit. The travel costs and board were covered by Birgittaskolan. Students from the school regularly come to our SOS kindergarten for practical work and experience. Our educators spent there a week. They visited state and private kindergartens. They also had a possibility to meet with pedagogues and management of Birgittaskolan and visit other social institutions including centers for children with special needs. Our teachers appreciated very much the possibility to exchange and share experiences with Swedish teachers.

In May pre-school educators and children went to the representative office of European Commission in Riga to participate at the national award ceremony and receive a special award for the success at the competition "My rights". Children had created banners and a big book titled "My rights". Those were presented also at the educational conference of Bauska region.

For the first time during nine years of operation our kindergarten worked throughout the whole year without summer vacations. 37 children of younger age were listed for summer groups. We created additional shelter from the sun and water containers in order to secure appropriate conditions during the very hot summer months. The parents appreciated the possibility and the conditions very much.

During the year of 2006 following social help has been allocated for families needing support. 50% attendance fee reduction has been given for 6 children from poor families. 4 – 6 families received 50% price reduction when 2 siblings attended the kindergarten. Seven children from SOS families attend the kindergarten and they pay only for food. Also the SOS employees get a 50% price reduction, when their children attend the kindergarten."

Jeg er klar over, at det foreslåede projekt måske ikke er det mest eksotiske, man kan forestille sig men det er nu engang sådan vi arbejder i SS-Børnebyerne.

Jeg var selv i Letland i august for at indvie en anden børneby, som er delvis dansk finansieret. Der er stadig store behov for socialt arbejde i de baltiske lande, men de gør et stort arbejde.

Vi har jo også mere "nødhjælpsprægede" projekter andre steder i verden, men så taler vi helt andre beløbsstørrelser, hvor Hesse-Raglefondens legatportioner - hvor velkomne de end er - kun vil kunne være delfinansiering.

Mange venlige hilsner og på gensyn den 4. december

Bjørn Bogason