



## **BIL donates EUR 10,000 to the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf**

**Luxembourg, 4 July 2017: Through this donation, Banque Internationale à Luxembourg is reaffirming its support for the charity SOS Kannerduerf Lëtzebuerg, which provides support for children in difficult family circumstances. At the charity's annual party on 2 July, Nico Muller, the manager of BIL's Mersch branch, handed over a cheque for EUR 10,000 to Marianne Brosius, Director of the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf.**

The employees of BIL's Mersch branch all turned out to support the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf at its traditional annual party on 2 July. The programme featured numerous games with prizes to be won by the children of the Kannerduerf as well as visiting children and parents. In addition to these festivities, the event was a chance for the charity to present its projects, plans and facilities to the public. The Mersch branch employees, who have been supporting the Fondation for over fifteen years, were there to welcome the children and to help run the stalls throughout the day.

*"Once again, SOS Kannerduerf's annual party was an extremely rewarding experience. My colleagues and I are proud to have been able to help the charity on this occasion. It was with immense pleasure that I was able to present the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf with a cheque for EUR 10,000 as a token of our commitment to this charity, which we have been supporting for many years,"* commented Nico Muller, manager of BIL's Mersch branch.

Marianne Brosius, Director of SOS Kannerduerf, thanked the Mersch branch staff and the bank as a whole: *"We are particularly pleased that BIL continues to express its support for our organisation at our annual party. Once again, I cannot thank this organisation enough. On behalf of all "our" children, a very big thank you."*

The Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf targets children whose parents are unable or no longer able to look after them, as well as children and parents who are experiencing family problems. SOS Kannerduerf Lëtzebuerg supports children who are separated from their parents, to ensure that they are able to grow up and develop under the best conditions possible.

The Village SOS Enfants, located in Mersch, was founded in 1968 on the initiative of Luxembourger Marcel Nilles. "SOS" or host families were housed there. Over the years, the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf diversified its activities and extended its geographical reach to cover all of Luxembourg. The name "SOS Kannerduerf Lëtzebuerg" now covers all the care services offered by the Fondation Lëtzebuenger Kannerduerf.

Educational programmes play a predominant role in its activities, which is one of the reasons why BIL supports the Fondation. BIL's commitment to education is one of the key



components of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy, alongside culture and innovation.

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**About the Fondation Lëtzebuerger Kannerduerf**

The Fondation Lëtzebuerger Kannerduerf is a non-political, non-denominational private organisation whose Patron is her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess. The Fondation Lëtzebuerger Kannerduerf is regulated by the Luxembourg Ministry of Education, Children and Youth (*Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse*). We work closely with the Luxembourg Children's Authority (*Office National de l'Enfance*) and are therefore eligible for subsidies. We belong to SOS Kinderdorf International, but receive no financial support from the parent organisation. SOS Kannerduerf Lëtzebuerg currently cares for around 300 children at several sites, 200 of them on a non-residential basis, and has 130 employees.

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