

The domestic partner of German President Joachim Gauck, Daniela Schadt, and the spouse of the President of the Republic of Estonia, Evelin Ilves visited Keila SOS Children's Village on Tuesday, 9 July. Mrs. Schadt donated bicycles and an apple tree which was planted together for children deprived of parental care.

Mrs. Daniela Schadt, for the first time in Estonia, assessed work of local charities by comparing Germany successful and emphasized the importance of sustainability. She encouraged children deprived of parental care to believe in success and concentrate on setting big objectives. "You can achieve anything - nothing is impossible. Maybe you can be the next President, soccer star or newscaster in television," said Mrs. Schadt.

Margus Oro, CEO of Estonian SOS Children's Villages Association introduced the activities of organization and emphasized the earlier effective cooperation with Germany. "The German youth choir gave two concerts at the Children's Village last year. They were so moved by local children that arranged a donation in their home country – as a result the new playground with their financial support was built for Estonian children."

Residents of Keila SOS Children's Village gave a half concert honouring the German and Estonian partners of President. Mrs. Schadt planted an apple tree in front of a single family house with the hope of once bearing plenty of fruit for local kids and donated two bicycles to residents of Keila SOS Children's Villages. "I have a feeling that I have to come back here in the future to make sure the apple tree is growing," said Mrs. Schadt.

President of the Federal Republic of Germany Joachim Gauck visited Estonia from 8-10 July together with Mrs. Daniela Schadt.

Estonian SOS Children's Villages Association, established in 1992, is a non-profit company, which relies upon donations of individuals and companies. SOS Lasteküla offers a family-centred substitute home for children deprived of parental care, allowing them to grow up in a loving, respectful and secure atmosphere. Amount of 150 children is living in youth homes and Children's Villages situated in Keila, Tallinn, Narva-Jõesuu and Põltsamaa. Spouse of the President of the Republic of Estonia Evelin Ilves is the patron of SOS Children's Villages.

**Keila SOS Children's Village visited by partners of German and Estonian president**

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