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Your sponsorship for Annija

Dear Team Soroptimistklubben for Herning og Omegn,

Today the sun is shining bright on the white snow. Every little branch of the lilac bush by my window is dressed in a beautiful white coat of frost. How is the wintertime in your country? I hope it has come with brightness and whiteness as well! And with the warmth of hearts and good wishes.

Thank you for being a kind friend and supporter of Valmiera SOS Children's Village this year! Let me convey the warmth of our hearts and huge thanks for your help! Hope you will enjoy reading some stories of the village! Please, note that the names of children are changed for data protection reasons. At the end of this letter I will tell a bit more about the child you are supporting.

- Developing new strengths

Since January, SOS Children's Village Valmiera has a new village director – Anita. Anita has a previous work experience in journalism, management, pedagogics and social work. 'I like new challenges. I am focused on strengthening resources within my co-workers and children,' tells Anita. 'I feel satisfaction in the village. It is touching to see the various reactions of children, their sometimes-clumsy compliments and wish to cheer me up in unexpected times and ways.'

Finding the right approach for everybody

Children love the new director. Anita devotes her time, getting to know children and their SOS families well. Anita has found the right approach to each child – no matter, if it is a little baby, a smiling girl or a bossy teenager.

'I usually knock on the window and wave 'hello' when I go past Anita's office. We are good friends,' smiles 7 years old Kristaps. 'Anita can be very friendly and funny, but also strict at the same time,' admits 15 years old Linda.

It has been a good start for the new village director Anita. Let's wish her good vibes in this mission!



Ready for new adventures - all together!

- Travelling experience

'Travelling gives a great life experience for children. They enjoy exploring new places. It is also a good socializing and communication practice,' tells SOS mother Inese. During previous years of