



Press Release

Alpha Bank supports equal access to education, with donations to six social solidarity structures

The Chair of the Board of Directors of Alpha Bank, Dimitris Tsitsiragos, attended the offering of school supplies to the Hatzikyriakio Childcare Institution, as part of the Bank's participation in the "Back to School" program of the DESMOS Non-Profit Foundation

With a steadfast commitment to creating equal opportunities for every child, Alpha Bank is supporting, for yet another year, the "Back to School" program run by the NGO DESMOS this year, helping to meet the basic school needs of more than 870 children from vulnerable families.

As part of this initiative, school supplies were recently offered to at the Hatzikyriakio Childcare Institution in Piraeus, in the presence of Dimitris Tsitsiragos, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alpha Bank, and of representatives of the DESMOS Non-Profit Institution.

This initiative forms part of the Bank's corporate social responsibility actions that focus on education. Alpha Bank offered school bags filled with school supplies to four Social Groceries and two childcare organizations. The beneficiary organizations are the following:

- The Korydallos Social Grocery Store
- The Chalandri Social Grocery Store
- The Social Grocery Store and Community Meal Program of the Municipality of Metamorfosi
- The Salamina Social Grocery Store
- The "Veniamin" Child Protection Association in Katerini
- The Hatzikyriakio Childcare Institution in Piraeus

The presence of the Chairman of Alpha Bank at the Hatzikyriakio Childcare Foundation underlined the importance that the Bank attaches to providing practical support for organizations and initiatives that create more opportunities for children. **Mr. Dimitris Tsitsiragos** made the following statement: *"The first day at school should be a day of joy, anticipation and self-confidence for every child. Our collaboration with DESMOS seeks to help ensure that children from vulnerable families have the school supplies that they need for starting the new school year on an equal footing. For Alpha Bank, supporting education is a significant investment in equal opportunities and in the future of our society."*

Representatives from Alpha Bank also took part in the distribution of school supplies to social solidarity entities in Korydallos, Metamorfosi and Katerini.

Every year, the DESMOS Non-Profit Foundation carries out the program "Back to School", which provides children from vulnerable families with school bags and school supplies according to their age group, so that they can start the school year with everything that they need.

The Hatzikyriakio Childcare Institution is one of the oldest and most important child welfare organizations in Greece, providing accommodation, care, education and psychosocial support to girls from vulnerable family and social backgrounds. Alpha Bank has a long-standing and meaningful relationship with the Hatzikyriakio Institution, systematically supporting its work through financial assistance, donations of equipment, and the participation in educational and cultural initiatives.