



ACORUS

help for victims of domestic violence

Newsletter 01-2014

First of all, we would like to wish you a prosperous new year 2014. We would also like to thank all of our supporters, sponsors and friends. Thanks to your help we were able to create a nice Christmas for ACORUS resident clients, both mothers and children. At the same time, we received a financial contributions from you that allow us to sustain our services. We greatly appreciate all of your support. [more](#)

PARTNERSHIP WITH

MOJE PSYCHOLOGIE

Moje psychologie (My Psychology) monthly magazine published by Mlada fronta became our media partner for 2014. „I think that our activities, psychological help and therapy in particular, create a logical framework for this partnership“, commented Zdena Zuzana Bednářová, Director of ACORUS.

CHRISTMAS 2013

Christmas holidays in the ACORUS safe house were not much different from Christmas in a typical Czech household. Only that the „ACORUS family“ was rather bigger than the usual one. 10 mothers and 15 children received Christmas presents from kind donors. Thank you to all those who helped create „...a very special Christmas“, as one of the mothers said. [article](#)

NEW SERVICE – CONSULTANCY FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES

We are now offering a new service line in ACORUS Counseling Centre in Prague 7. In November 2013, ACORUS received an accreditation from the Czech Ministry of Justice to provide advice and legal information to victims of criminal acts in the context of domestic violence. For example, ACORUS can provide information about victims' rights in legal proceedings. The service is provided free of charge and anonymously. [more information](#)

A DAY WITH MAKE-UP ARTIST



In December 2013, our long term partner, AVON company, organised a day with a make-up artist for ACORUS resident clients. The ladies not only enjoyed their makeover, but the children also enjoyed a trip to the Czech Technical Museum. [article](#)

SUCESFULL LECTURES TO CONTINUE

In 2014, ACORUS continues to offer its accredited educational seminars. These one-day seminars cover specialised topics such as domestic violence and how to work with children who have witnessed domestic violence. [more information](#)

PRAGUE BRITISH SCHOOL SUPPORTS ACORUS CHILDREN



It became a tradition that the money raised at the Prague British School Christmas Fair goes to ACORUS. The 28 200 CZK from the 2013 Christmas Fair will contribute towards the children's programmes which are run in the ACORUS safe house. The programmes (therapies and after-school activities) are designed to help the children to overcome trauma caused by domestic violence. We thank the Prague British School for their continuous support.

HELP US TO HELP IN 2014!

This year, we are looking for means to cover the costs of **legal help and representing clients** in court and in legal proceedings. Unfortunately, we also do not have all finances needed for sustainable **therapeutic work with children** who have been traumatised by domestic violence. You can help by providing us with a one-off donation or by setting up a standing order for a pre-determined amount each month from your account. We are grateful for all contributions. Thank you very much in advance.

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