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Help for victims of domestic violence

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Dear Friends and Supporters, we have entered into the 20th year of the existence of ACORUS. During that time, we provided assistance to over 5,000 individuals exposed to domestic violence. Over 500 women and 700 children found temporary home in the ACORUS safe house. 434 women and 518 children benefited from our crisis help. 2,885 men and women sought professional social counseling. Every year, several hundred people who need advice and help with domestic violence called our non-stop hot line. Many thanks to all who supported and are supporting us in our efforts.

20 YEARS OF ACORUS CENTRE

ACORUS has been providing complex professional services to people exposed to domestic violence for twenty years. To celebrate this anniversary, we are preparing a range of events throughout 2017. The first will be a seminar for professionals which will take place on the 6th of April under the auspices of the City of Prague Councilor for Social Policy, Daniel Hodek. The second event is the Annual Charity Concert with Tomáš Klus. On 23 September, the 4th Charity Walk for ACORUS will be held again in Divoká Šárka. Towards the end of the year we are planning an art exhibition with an auction. This event will take place in November to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

CLASSICAL MUSIC AGAINST VIOLENCE

The Concert Club organizes classical music concerts of foreign amateur and semi-professional choirs and orchestras in Prague. Admission to these concerts is voluntary and usually goes to a charity. We are very pleased that ACORUS was chosen as a beneficiary of the January and February concerts. Thus we received 13 353,- CZK from the proceeds of four concerts by American and British choirs. Many thanks to the Concert Club, all artists and visitors for their support.

CHARITY CONCERT WITH TOMÁŠ KLUS

We are very happy to announce that the third Charity Concert for ACORUS will take place on **the 3rd of May** again in The Prague Crossroads (St. Anna Church), a unique space run by the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97.



The star of the evening will be **Tomáš Klus** - a famous Czech musician and songwriter. As a warm-up band we invited The Conditionals, a band of teachers from the Prague British School. Online ticket sales will start in mid-March on TicketArt. At the concert venue we will also be showing a retrospective photograph exhibition capturing the 20-year history of ACORUS.

CSOB SUPPORT CONTINUES

Thanks to the "Good Will Card" of the CSOB Private Banking we are able to continue the "Help for children exposed to domestic violence" program. 117 600 CZK will go towards professional work with children who live with their mothers in ACORUS safe house. CSOB is further helping us by organizing "Baking for a Good Cause" which will take place on 10 April in the Avenir office complex in Prague 5. The overall sum raised by the Eastern bake sale will be matched by the bank as a part of the "Together with ČSOB" program.

WHAT DO THE EUROPEANS THINK OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

According to official statistics of the EU, up to 25% of women above the age of 15 have experienced physical or sexual abuse from their partner. Another statistic shows that 74% of Europeans think that domestic violence against women is common in their country. Almost a quarter of respondents know of a victim of domestic violence amongst family or friends, states the special [Eurobarometer, a survey on gender-based violence in the EU](#). It was published by the European Commission last year.

20 years

We help to break the vicious cycle of violence.

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Thank you for your support.



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