



ACORUS

Help for victims of domestic violence

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Dear friends and supporters, we entered this year as "a registered institute" instead of a civic association. We changed the type of our legal entity as required by the new Czech Civil Code. However, our mission to help victims of domestic violence remains the same. We hope you will also continue to support us in 2016. Please, come and join us for our spring fundraising event - this time we are organising a charity concert for ACORUS with David Koller and his band.

THANKING OUR DONORS

We would like to thank everyone who donated gifts for our clients and their children, who spent Christmas holidays in our ACORUS safe house. A big thank you goes to Českomoravská stavební spořitelna for a successful repeat of the "Tree of Wishes" action. We also want to thank the Soroptimist Club of Prague, Mrs. and Mr. Kasa and Mrs. Zuzana Přeučilova.

We are also grateful to all corporate donors who helped to finance our services.: AVON for a contribution of 150.000,-CZK, Komerční banka (Nadace Jistota) for 103.560,-CZK, employees of the UniCredit Bank who collected 23.000,- CZK and to the employees of the CSOB who donated 17.850.- CZK while the bank doubled this amount under their Gift Matching scheme.

„I WILL NOT BE A VICTIM“ PROJECT

As well as the local population, foreigners too face domestic violence. Compared to Czechs they are disadvantaged and more vulnerable. They do not speak the language, do not know their rights and are socially isolated. ACORUS together with the Association for Integration and Migration (AIM) launched a joint project designed to pass on experiences and knowledge of how to help victims of domestic violence to organisations working with immigrants.

CHARITY CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE



We are very happy to announce that the second Charity Concert for ACORUS will take place on **April 19, 2016** again in The Prague Crossroads (St. Anna Church), a unique space run by the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97. One of the **leading Czech rock musicians** - singer, composer and drummer- **David Koller** - will perform with his band. As a warm-up band we invited The Conditionals, a band of teachers from the Prague British School. Online tickets sale will start in March on Ticketstream



„WHAT IS NORMAL AT HOME“

This was the name of our successful campaign which we run on social media towards the end of last year. The main objective was to raise awareness about children who experience domestic violence. On facebook, our [video spot](#) with a Czech well-known youtuber VladaVideos had reached a total of 84.000 followers - teenagers. They should now know about the [LOCIKA Center](#) where they can find professional help if they are experiencing domestic violence. The other spots, one explaining what is domestic violence and the other for potential donors, both had about 44.000 views. Thank you .

„CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE“ CONFERENCE

A conference on new trends in working with the whole family affected by domestic violence will be held on March, 31 at the National Technical Library in Prague 6. Results of research on impacts of domestic violence on children (based on ACORUS´ s nearly two decades long experience in this area) will be published. Inspiring projects from abroad will be also presented. Free admission, online registration will start on February 22 at www.centrumlocika.cz.

YOU ARE HELPING US TO HELP

One of the ways you can support us and contribute to our services are donor SMS. Send a text message "DMS ACORUS" to 87 777. The price is 30 CZK. You can also become a regular donor by sending one text message „DMS ROK ACORUS“ to 87 777. Every month, 30 CZK will be automatically added to your phone bill for a total annual donation of 360,- CZK. In 2015, we received almost 6.000,-CZK under this donor SMS scheme. Thank you for helping us to help.

