



ACORUS

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Dear friends and supporters, this has been a very busy Spring for us. Shortly after the successful Charity Concert with Lucie Bílá we opened the LOCIKA centre for children affected by domestic violence. The Mayor of Prague 9 and the Councillor for Social Affairs visited our safe house. The second Annual Charity Walk is in preparation. We look forward to meeting you there and wish you a beautiful summer.

CHARITY CONCERT WITH LUCIE BÍLÁ

The ACORUS Charity Concert took place on 21 April in the St. Anna church - the Prague Crossroads. The phenomenal Czech singer Lucie Bílá performed with the piano accompaniment of Petr Malásek. We managed to raise 150 000,-CZK from the ticket sales for ACORUS Counselling Centre and Safe House. We are very grateful to Lucie Bílá and the children from the International Choir of Prague who sang beautifully for us. [Click on for photos](#). Last but not least, our thanks goes out to all the partners: sAUTOLEASING, My psychology and luxury life magazines, the VIZE 97 Foundation, Petrof, LaGastronomia and Prosekárna. Without their support it would not be possible to carry out this concert.

LOCIKA THERAPY CENTRE NOW OPENED FOR CHILDREN

In May, ACORUS opened a new Therapy Centre LOCIKA in Prague 7. It will help children who are affected by domestic violence, either as victims or witnesses. LOCIKA offers professional help to those children and their parents free of charge. The aim is to protect the interests of children and minimize the impact of domestic violence on their development. More at www.centrumlocika.cz. The project received funding from the Norway Grants (the Let's Give Women a Chance programme) operated by the Open Society Fund Prague. We also thank the Tereza Maxova Foundation, The Our Child Foundation and Municipality of Prague 7 for their kind support.



THANKING OUR DONNORS

A big thank you goes to all who contributed to finance ACORUS services in the first half of 2015. We received a donation of 33 000,- CZK from CIBCA, the Czech-Irish Cultural and Business Association. We also want to thank to the UniCredit Bank and its staff for 36 000,- CZK which they gave us from their Matching Gift project. Again this year, ACORUS Counseling Centre received 100 000,- CZK from the Diplomatic Spouses Association. It enables us to continue in our "Breaking the cycle of violence" project. Parents and staff of the Prague British School raised 46 000,- CZK for us at two sporting events – the Prague Marathon and Family Golf Tournament.

400 000 CZK from the OUR CHILD FOUNDATION

The President of the Our Child Foundation, Mrs. Zuzana Baudyšová, handed us a symbolic check of 400.000,- CZK at the Charity Concert with Lucie Bílá. The funds will help the children in the ACORUS Safe House and the newly opened LOCIKA therapy centre. ACORUS cooperates with the Our Child Foundation over 14 years. Their support means not only financial assistance, but also recognition of our work.

ACORUS CHARITY WALK – SAVE THE DATE

Join us again on our Charity Walk Against Domestic Violence. The second annual walk will take place on **Saturday, 19 September 2015** in Divoká Šárka park in Prague 6. You can register at www.acorus.cz. The first 100 participants registered online will receive gifts from the sponsors. 6 km circular route will be followed by a fun afternoon full of music and activities for the whole family in the Džbán camp site.

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