



ACORUS
Help for victims of domestic violence
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Dear friends and supporters, this year ACORUS is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Our Safe House is also 20 years old and unfortunately not in a very good state. Therefore, this year is not only a year of celebration, but also a year in which we are looking for a new building which would provide safe and dignified housing for our clients - women and mothers with children. We want to express our gratitude to Mrs. Zuzana Baudyšová, a Czech Senator, who is being very supportive and recently visited our Safe House regarding this matter.

TOMÁŠ KLUS CHARITY CONCERT

On May 3rd a special evening celebrating the 20th anniversary of ACORUS took place at the Prague Crossroads. The star of the night was Tomáš Klus, a popular Czech musician.

The Conditionals from the Prague British School played as the supporting band. It was a unique evening full of improvisation. 180,000 crowns were raised from tickets sales. All proceeds will go towards professional help for our clients. A huge thank you to all who were involved in this great event.



THANKING OUR DONORS

We thank all our donors, especially those who have supported ACORUS in the long run. We are very grateful for their ongoing support and all fundraising efforts. Like ACORUS, **the DSA (Diplomatic Spouses Association)** is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The DSA again contributed 50,000 CZK to direct help provided in our Counseling Center free of charge. **The Prague British School** is another 'traditional' partner of ACORUS. In the first half of this year, the PBS community raised over 30,000 CZK through various events (i.e. Bake Sale, Family Fun Day and Ice-Cream Fridays). We would also like to acknowledge the **O2 employees** for running for ACORUS as part of the "Helping by Running" initiative. They once again raised a fantastic 100,000 CZK for us. Well done all O2 runners!

MOTHER'S DAY WITH MARY KAY

For Mother's Day, Mary Kay beauticians came to visit ACORUS Safe House. Thanks to them, our clients enjoyed a wonderful day. The ladies learned how to care for their skin. It made them feel better about themselves, which is very important for boosting their self-esteem. Mary Kay also donated gifts to the children. Happy Mother's Day to all.

BIG DAY FOR CZECH RUGBY



On 17 June, a friendly rugby match between the Czech Republic and New Zealand Ambassadors took place. Unfortunately, the Czech team lost. But for us, they are the winners. They played with ACORUS logo on their dresses! Very big thank you to the [Rugby Club Tatra Smíchov](#) for their ongoing support.

JOINING THE CZECH WOMEN'S LOBBY

ACORUS has become a member of the [Czech Women's Lobby](#) (CWL). It is a network of more than 30 Czech non-profit organizations which promotes women's rights in the Czech Republic. CWL also cooperates with EU and UN institutions.

23 SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATE

for the **4th ACORUS CHARITY WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**. It will take place in the Divoka Sarka Park in Prague 6. Two circular routes – six and 11 km, fun-packed afternoon at the Džbán camp site. Register now on www.acorus.cz!

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We help to break the vicious cycle of violence.
1997 - 2017
Thank you for your support.

