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HELP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We would like to update you on current events in the ACORUS Centre. We are proud to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of a unique charity beach volleyball tournament with top Czech players (more below).

Wishing you a pleasant autumn and big thank you for all your ongoing support.

TV NOVA HELPS "OUR" CHILDREN

Foundation Nova, which supports disadvantaged children, donated 40,000 CZK to us from the proceeds of the Emma Smetana Charity Bazaar. We will use it to purchase equipment needed for the LOCIKA Centre which helps children who have experienced domestic violence. Big thanks go to TV NOVA and its news presenter Emma Smetana.

"LAW AGAINST INJUSTICE" CONTINUES

Thanks to a grant from the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund and Phillip Morris International Inc., we can provide free legal help to victims of domestic violence for a second year. Over 20 women who are struggling with complex legal cases but have a low income were included in this program. For these women, expert legal assistance would otherwise be unattainable.

ANOTHER ACCREDITATION RECEIVED

Recently, ACORUS received an accreditation from the Czech Ministry of Justice. It was granted to our new Restorative Program for families with children exposed to domestic violence. The main objective is to help settle disturbed relations in these families with an emphasis on the needs of children. It helps them to cope with the effects of violence and to set them up for living a normal life.

CHARITY WALK FOR THE SECOND TIME

Saturday, 19th September, was the day of our Second Annual Charity Walk "Šlapeme násilí na paty." More than 400 people came to support us. They walked 2,508 km (i.e. 500 km more than last year) through Divoká Šárka park in Prague 6. In total, 67,105 CZK (including a donation of eight crowns per kilometre by the main walk partner - ECCO) was raised. We will use it to cover the cost of services for victims of domestic violence. The Rolnička theater for kids and the music groups Yellow Sisters and The Conditionals performed on the stage in the afternoon. ACORUS would like to thank to all participants, sponsors and partners. We look forward to seeing you again in Šárka next year for the third charity walk.



DO YOU LIKE BEACH VOLLEYBALL?

We do. ACORUS is a proud beneficiary of proceeds from the 4th charity tournament in beach volleyball. It will take place on the weekend of 21 and 22 November in Prague. There are few ways to take part (and to support us): You can auction players from the [Czech beach volleyball elite](#) and then play along with them in the tournament. Alternatively, mix couples can register and play in the tournament for a fee of 1,000 CZK. Last but not least, everybody is welcome to come as a fan to the Saturday evening auction and the tournament on Sunday (free admission, donations appreciated).

More on facebook.com/vybersivydraszizahrajsi

"WHAT IS NORMAL AT HOME?"

This is the name of the awareness campaign which will be launched on the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women on 24 November. The campaign will run as a video spot on social networks with the main objective to raise awareness of domestic violence. It is designed to address children between 12 and 19 years of age in particular. They should know about [the LOCIKA Centre](#) where they can find help if experiencing domestic violence.

YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING CAN HELP US

If you are shopping online you can support us with NO EXTRA COSTS. Through the portal [GIVT.CZ](#) you can get to many e-shops such as www.runningpro.cz, www.kasa.cz and www.booking.com. You shop and GIVT will send us a percentage of your bill. Now you can also install a new [browser application](#) that gives automatic notice anytime you visit the site of an e-shop connected to GIVT. Thank you very much in advance.

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