



# ACORUS

## Help for victims of domestic violence

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Dear friends and supporters, allow me to introduce myself as the new director of ACORUS. My name is Jaroslava Chaloupková and while I have already had the honor of meeting some of you personally, many of you I have yet to greet. I look forward to meeting with those of you who show support towards our cause in 2017. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### 25 NOVEMBER – INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The most common form of violence against women originates from their partners. Research shows that 28% of women in the Czech Republic encounter some form of domestic violence. Almost a third of them – 162 thousand women a year – are forced to seek a medical assistance as a result. In 2014 alone, costs for such assistance and treatments amounted to about 1.85 billion CZK. A further 215 million CZK was paid by victims themselves. Domestic violence has a significant impact not only on women, children and families but the economy as a whole, according to the recent [survey by the PROFEM](#) organization.

#### YOUR FACE SOUNDS FAMILIAR

The famous Czech actress **Ivana Jirešová** won the seventh round of the popular TV show "Your Face Sounds Familiar" with a song by the Icelandic artist Bjork. We are proud that she choose to donate her winnings of 25.000,- CZK to us! We would also like to thank the Nova Foundation for including ACORUS in this project.

#### ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR IN PRAŽSKÁ KŘIŽOVATKA

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 we had the honor of participating in the St. Nicholas Charity Bazaar in the Prague Crossroads - St. Anna Church. It is organized annually by the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97. We thank everyone who came and stopped by the ACORUS stall, where we managed to raise a record sum of 6500,- CZK from the sale of products hand made by our clients.



*Dagmar Havlová with ACORUS leadership team*

#### RESEARCH ON CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence takes away childhood. Children need a safe home environment even if this means leaving a violent parent and breaking up the family. Witnessing domestic violence is extremely harmful to children and can cause trauma that affects them well into their adulthood. Such are the findings of the [recent research "Children, Parents and Domestic Violence"](#) undertaken by the Czech Research Institute for Labor and Social Affairs in collaboration with ACORUS.

#### BANKERS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November the employees of the Avenir office complex in Prague had the opportunity to buy home-baked goodies. We are grateful to all ČSOB employees who organized "Baking for a good cause" and thus raised 18.700,- CZK for our professional services. This sum will be matched by the bank as a part of their "Together with ČSOB" program.

We further thank the UNICREDIT BANK employees, who organized an annual collection for ACORUS. They managed to raise almost 30.000,- CZK this time. The proceeds from the collection will be matched by the bank as part of their Gift Matching project.

#### DONATE TO US THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING. IT ONLY COSTS YOU A FEW EXTRA CLICKS.

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