



# ACORUS

## HELP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Dear friends and supporters, first of all let us wish you the best in 2015. We are very grateful for the support you continue to provide us. Thank you all. At the same time, we would like to invite you to our big event this Spring - a charity concert for ACORUS with Lucie Bílá (see below).

### THANKING OUR DONNORS

Our patroness, TV personality Míša JÍLKOVÁ, met with our clients in the safe house. She encouraged them in their quest for a life without violence. We thank Míša for a very pleasant pre-Christmas evening. We are also grateful to everyone else who donated Christmas presents for our resident clients and their children. A big thank you goes to the PRAGUE BRITISH SCHOOL. They purchased Christmas gifts for the clients and also donated proceeds of 32 000,- CZK from their PBS Christmas Extravaganza. We also want to thank to ČESKOMORAVSKÁ STAVEBNÍ SPOŘITELNA, AVON, SEPHORA, SOROPTIMIST CLUB, GREEN LIFE FOUNDATION, Mrs. Daniela PEŠTOVÁ, Mr. and Mrs. KASA, Mr. Petr ŠAMALÍK from LGE and Mrs. Zuzana PŘEUČILOVÁ. Thanks to them, our clients enjoyed a Merry Christmas in spite of their unfortunate family situations. Last but not least, our thanks goes out to the employees of the UNICREDIT BANK, who donated 18 050,- CZK from their Matching Gift project.

### LAW AGAINST INJUSTICE

Thanks to a grant from the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund and Phillip Morris International Inc., we launched our "LAW AGAINST INJUSTICE" programme. It provides expert legal information and help to women who are struggling with the consequences of domestic violence. In particular, it covers free legal advice.

### CHARITY CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE



We are very happy to announce that a Charity Concert for ACORUS will be held on **April 21, 2015** in the Prague Crossroads (Saint Anna Church) - a unique space run by the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97. The phenomenal Czech singer, **Lucie Bílá**, will perform her Recital with accompaniment by famous pianist **Petr Malásek**. We can also look forward to a children's performance by **the International Choir of Prague**.

### SEMINARS TO CONTINUE IN 2015

Once again in 2015, ACORUS continues to offer its educational seminars for professionals in the field of social services. These one-day courses are accredited by the Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

### „THREE PILLARS OF SAFETY“ PROJECT LAUNCHED

In January 2015, we also launched "The three pillars of safety" project. The objective is to create an innovative system of assistance for the whole family at risk of domestic violence, to protect the interests of children and to provide complex and sensitive help (and thus contribute to the reduction of domestic violence). In May 2015, a new Therapeutic Centre for Children from at-risk families will be opened in Prague. Furthermore, a study on the effects of domestic violence on a child's development will be conducted in cooperation with the Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs. An information campaign called "What is normal at home," targeted at vulnerable children, is also in the pipeline. 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 for the support.



### HELP US TO HELP

You can help us by sending an SMS from your mobile. Send a text message "DMS ACORUS" to 87 777. The price is thirty crowns. ACORUS will get 28,50- CZK. Or you can contribute more by sending one text message „DMS ROK ACORUS“. Every months, 30 CZK will be automatically added to your phone bill for a total annual donation of 360,- CZK.

