



Dear friends, donors and supporters,

Summer is here and we would like to wish you all a relaxing holiday and express our thanks for your ongoing commitment, trust and support. Below, please find an overview of ACORUS' recent activities.

**We want to thank you once again for everything you have done for
ACORUS and people we help.**

We appreciate your commitment and support.

We also want to thank:

SHOPPING CENTRE ČERNÝ MOST for organizing public collection called „One hand print can change life“. We thank all who contributed by purchasing a special brick with their hand print.

CARAT Czech Republic s.r.o., AMI Communications spol. s.r.o., WELLEN a.s., for their support.

DOPRAVNÍ PODNIK hl. m. Prahy for media partnership.

ROSMARINE BUSINESS CENTRE for supporting ACORUS counselling centre in Prague 7.

VEOLIA TRANSPORT ČR which provided us with a free bus for our trip to Pilsen.

ZOO Plzeň a MEDIA WEST s.r.o. for giving us 50% reduction on entrance fee.

THE PRAGUE BRITISH SCHOOL – parents and staff - for their ongoing support which allowed us, among other things, to co-finance a new kitchen for the ACORUS safe house.

GE MONEY BANK for their financial contribution towards the purchase of a new kitchen in the safe house.

Thanks for promotion of DMS ACORUS also go to DAVCOR s.r.o, IWAP, Soroptimist Club of Prague, Veolia Voda.

Welcoming spring to ACORUS



Every year, ACORUS organises a traditional Czech „Spring Welcoming“ for its clients (both current and former ones). This includes a Carnival where the children make their own masks and costumes which they love to do. On 10 March the parade including queens, bears, horses and witches walked through the park. There was singing, music and also the tradition of throwing a Morana (a life-sized human figure made of corn which, symbolises the winter) into the river. At the end the best masks were chosen and all the children were awarded with sweets.

Ladies Club

Another regular event organised for ACORUS' clients is a day filled programme for women. The first club of 2011 took place on Saturday 9 April. Participants had an opportunity to handpaint silk scarves donated by a sponsor. A professional makeup and hair stylist did makeovers for all the ladies. Furthermore, the participants took part in a hatha yoga lesson on that day. While all these activities were going on, the children went into the kid's fun park accompanied by two ACORUS employees.



General Meeting of IWA P International Women Association of Prague



On Tuesday 12 April 2011, ACORUS made a presentation at the general meeting of the International Women's Association of Prague (IWAP). The IWAP members showed genuine interest in ACORUS and its services and they decided to support victims of domestic violence. We are very grateful for all of their interest and support.

The Prague British School Vlastina ran for ACORUS in the Prague Marathon

The Prague Marathon has been held every year. This year on the 8 May, a total of 56 brave parents, staff and students of The Prague British School took part in the marathon relay (running either 10 or 12 Km each). The amount of money raised is an impressive **80,214 CZK!** It was split between 2 charities KlokaneK and ACORUS supported by the school.

„I really appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication of all runners from the Prague British School. I would like to thank both parents and members of staff who got

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personally involved in this wonderful concept of „running for charity“ which is rather new in the Czech Republic. Everybody is a winner,“ said Mrs Zdena Bednářová, Director of ACORUS.

Film club for boys and girls

In the safe house, ACORUS offers its clients a new social activity – „The Film Club“. Since January mums and their kids enjoyed watching already 14 films. We could introduce this activity thanks to a generous sponsor, LG Electronics CZ, s.r.o, who donated a big plasma television to ACORUS' safe house.

Trip to Pilsen ZOO and Dinopark

At ACORUS, we started the summer season by going on a trip with our clients and their children. On 21 June we went to Pilsen Zoo which is renowned for its unusual inhabitants – dinosaurs. We also visited a 3D cinema where we saw the life story of a baby dinosaur. Our small visitors were very impressed; it seemed that nobody was scared! Our thanks goes to Veolia Transport Company which provided us with a free bus and The Prague British School for its financial support to cover the ticket price and presents for the children.



Garden Party



The Annual Garden Party is an ACORUS event organised for its current and former clients. This year, our Garden Party took place on the 14 June and there were more than 50 mums and children present. In the garden of our safe house the children saw a puppet show "Story of a bear" which was performed by Rolnicka Theatre from Liberec. All the kids enjoyed the show very much and then they made their own teddy bears. It would not be a proper garden party without nice food and drink, lots of chatting, meeting new people and kids playing games.

SUPPORT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY TEXT MESSAGING

Send the text message „**DMS ACORUS**“ to **87 777**. The price of this message is 30 CZK. ACORUS will receive 27 CZK of this.

You can also contribute every month for the duration of one year. To do that, please, send the text message „**DMS ROK ACORUS**“ to **87 777**. Thirty crowns will be automatically deducted every month. ACORUS will receive 27 CZK.

The proceeds will be used for the ACORUS non-stop phone helpline and counselling centre.



We are looking for web sites where our banner could be placed in order to promote ACORUS and its services. We would also appreciate if you could become one of our partners for DMS ACORUS promotion (see above).

We are also looking for printers, artistic people who could help us with layout and design, creative ideas. If you have any suggestions, please, share them with lenka.starkova@acorus.cz.

We look forward to further cooperation in the next few months.

Best wishes from ACORUS