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help for victims of domestic violence

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We would like to wish all of our readers a nice summer holidays. We also want to thank all donors who support our clients. The story of one client was recently published in the monthly magazine [Maminka](#).

"PATRON" OF ACORUS, MRS MICHAELA JILKOVA

Spring is a time of changes and new things happening. One of them is that Mrs. Michaela Jílková, a well know Czech TV personality, has agreed to become a patron of ACORUS. We very much appreciate her kind support. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. Jílková has agreed to be the "face" of our charity walk "Slapeme nasili na paty" (see below).



PROVIDING LEGAL INFORMATION

In November 2013, ACORUS received an accreditation from the Czech Ministry of Justice to provide advice and legal information to victims of violent criminal acts. Over the 4 months during which we have offered this service it has been used by 26 clients. We primarily support them in legal proceedings and help them to draft legal submissions. Most of all, our clients value the fact that they are getting professional help free of charge.

THANKING OUR DONORS

In April 2014, we received a grant of 100.000,- CZK from the Diplomatic Spouses Association (DSA). It will be used for financing our work in the ACORUS Counseling Centre. On this occasion, the DSA president, Mrs Odile de Ranitz, quoted Mother Tereza: "It is not important how much money you give, but how much love is in what you are giving."

ACORUS also received a donation of 50.000,- CZK from CIBCA, the Czech-Irish Cultural and Business Association. CIBCA is a networking platform for all friends of the Irish community in the Czech Republic. The proceeds from a charity auction at the St. Patrick's Ball are used to finance professional services offered in ACORUS Counseling Centre in Prague 7.

CHARITY WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On Saturday 20 September 2014, **the first charity walk against domestic violence** will take place. It will start and finish at the Džbán Campsite in Prague 6 and will go through Divoká Šárka park on a 6 km circular route. The event has two objectives: to increase public awareness about domestic violence and to raise funds for ACORUS. All proceeds from the registration will go towards ACORUS Counselling Centre. On top of that, the General Partner of the walk, ECCO shoes CR, will donate 8 CZK for "every km walked against domestic violence." [More information and online registration](#) at www.slapemenasilinapaty.cz.

SEMINARS PASSED WITH "FLYING COLOURS"

In February 2014, we underwent a voluntary audit of our educational training seminars which are accredited by the Czech Ministry of Social Affairs. Three training programs were audited: "Domestic violence," "How to work with children who have experienced domestic violence" and "Individual planning in social services." Our seminars received a quality certificate and were noted as an example of good practice. [More info](#)



On May 11th, parents and staff of the Prague British School (PBS) ran in the Prague Marathon Relay. There were 12 teams of 4 runners each. From this fundraising event ACORUS received a donation of 32.500,- CZK. It will help us to run therapeutic programs for children who have been traumatized by domestic violence and have found a temporary home at the ACORUS safe house.



HELP US TO HELP !

Currently, we are looking for resources to cover the running costs of our Counseling Centre in Prague 7. You can help by providing a donation through a secure paypal "[Darujme.cz](#)". We are grateful for all contributions. Thank you very much in advance. You can also send money to our account Nr. 19- 938820257/0100.

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