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LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE



**“If you want to help someone,
it’s best to ask them what they need.
Unsolicited help could cause major
disappointment to both sides.**

**It will not help the needy, and the donor will be
upset, because the help won’t be appreciated.”**



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Throughout 2014, you may have seen posters in the streets with the faces of our patrons, Lucie Benešová, Bára Špotáková, Vladimír Hron and Jan Měšťák promoting support for children from children's homes. Thanks to JCDecaux for the provided advertising space!

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Introduction from Michaela Chovancová

founder and director of LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE

Every time I compile the annual report, I have the feeling that it's been only a short time since I finished the previous one. But when I go through and record all that has happened in a year, I am surprised. It's not at all easy to go over the entire concluded year, and so I apologise in advance if I have left anything or anyone out. Please believe me when I say that we appreciate each of you who help children through our efforts. **Thanks to all of you, we can boast that in just less than 4 years of our activities we have supported more than 2,500 children with funds of nearly CZK 8.5 million!**

We strive to convince you that it is worth it to help children, who for various reasons cannot grow up in their own families. We aspire to show how clever they are and that they deserve your support. We aim to set an example and give them the chance to fulfil it. One of the children we are helping is Honza Ďurina, 20, a first-year student at the Art and Design Faculty of the University of West Bohemia in Plzeň, studying product design. We entrusted Honza with preparing the graphic layout of the annual report that you're holding. I think he did a good job! What do you think?



Michaela Chovancová with son Samuel

I'm very pleased that in May during the evening fundraising event for LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE I had the opportunity to thank the founder and director of the Naše dítě Foundation, Mrs Zuzana Baudyšová, because she was the one who four years ago supported my idea to found this organisation and in doing so she helped me find my footing in work that brings me joy and makes sense.

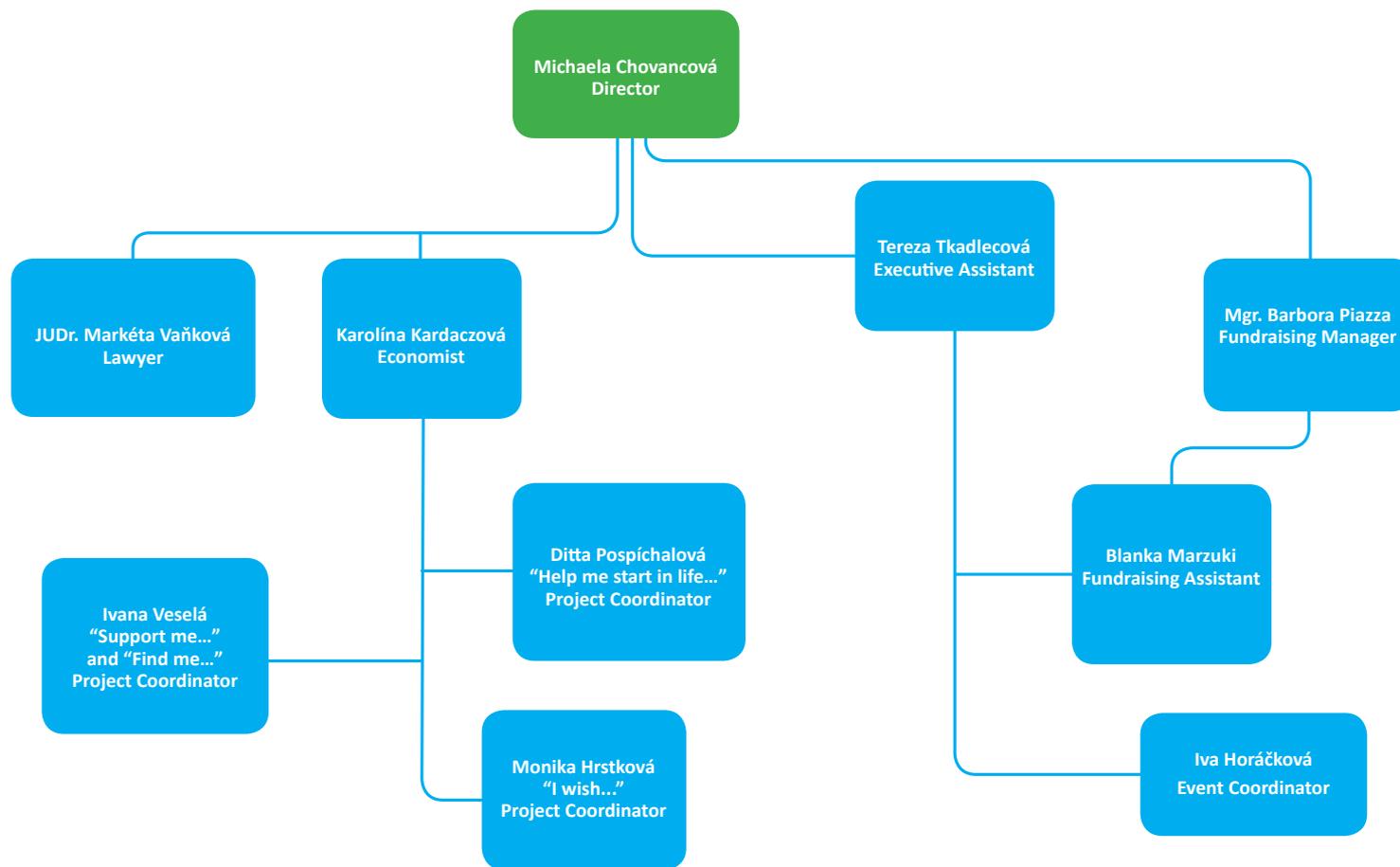
2014 was also a milestone year for me in my personal life. Last year, we added a new addition to our family of three children, a 2-year-old girl from one of the cooperating children's homes, and so I have the opportunity to examine this issue much more deeply than I'd imagined. In the short time she's lived with us, this girl has helped me to understand many aspects related to caring for these children much better. In 2014, we began holding many more events, this providing a way for us to use our strength to raise at least some funds for running the organisation and the administration of projects, which is one of the most difficult parts of our work. From all sides we have been receiving praise for the excellent work we are doing, but few realise what it costs us to raise funds in order to be able to do our work at all. Much is being planned for the coming year, perhaps even a nice surprise. Please continue to monitor our website and Facebook profile and come to support us at at least one event.

I thank all of you who support us. Believe me, your help is going where it's needed most. I'd like to thank the LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE team for their work throughout the year. I thank the children's home representatives for their confidence and cooperation. I thank the children we're supporting for convincing us all that it makes sense to help them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michaela Chovancová'.

Organisational structure



In 2014, LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE had 8 permanent staff, two externists and an external agency for accounting. It also used volunteers during events held by the organisation. Internal communication is primarily performed through personal contact, via e-mail and by telecommunications tools. Each Monday there is a regular weekly advisory meeting of the organisation's skeleton staff. The administrative board meets at least once every 3 months. The powers and responsibilities of individual positions are based on the organisational plan and defined in the descriptions of individual jobs.

Bodies of LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE

LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE is listed in the Prague Municipal Court's register of non-profit organisations, Ref. O 1330, its seat is Nad Nuslemi 714/11, 140 00 Prague 4, and its reg. no. is 229 038 44 LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE was founded 8 February 2011.



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We were one of the first organisations to receive the title “Reliable Non-profit Organisation”.

The reliability title was created in response to the demand by donors and non-profit groups. Its purpose was to make potential donors and the general public aware that a non-profit organisation properly manages the funds entrusted to it, which it then uses transparently and appropriately for the fulfilment of the declared mission.

Earning the reliability title is not a mere formality. Each organisation that wants to earn the title must fulfil the entry criteria and submit a large amount of information and documentation regarding its functioning and structures.

The assessment includes assessors visiting the organisation. The result of the assessors' work is a detailed report about the organisation, based on which a Board comprised of independent experts decides whether or not to issue the title.

The reliability title is issued for three years. Each year there is a check to determine whether or not the organisation still fulfils the reliability standards.

The evaluation focuses on these 5 areas:

- Mission, objectives, values
- Management and internal control
- Fundraising and PR
- Financial management
- Ensuring public transparency

The donors have an assurance that an organisation with the reliability title is checked each year, manages donations appropriately, responsibly fulfils its mission and continues to work on its development. More details: www.znackaspolehlivosti.cz

Mission, objectives and visions of LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE

The mission of DDŠ is to provide effective and comprehensive assistance to specific children and young people growing up in children's homes in the Czech Republic and to help them successfully integrate into society after leaving the children's home.

Objectives of DDŠ:

The main objective of DDŠ is to facilitate the successful integration into society of children from children's homes after leaving, and to reduce the risk of their social exclusion.

To provide effective and comprehensive assistance to children and young people from children's homes via our projects, which correspond to and complement each other.

To fulfil the concept of our projects, so that they truly help children in need particularly by continuously ensuring their needs.

Support and development of host care (children's visits to host families during weekends and holidays).

Media campaigns regarding issues of children growing up in children's homes. Informing the public about the overall situation of children in children's homes (who they are, where they come from, how they live in the children's home, how to help them).

To enable persons and families to support a specific child living in a Czech children's home, whom they choose themselves, in a way that they deem appropriate from a humanitarian and financial point of view.

Vision of DDŠ:

To make DDŠ generally synonymous with the option of providing effective help to a specific child from a Czech children's home with the donor having the chance to easily decide whom to help and with the donor being assured that 100 % of the donation will go to support the particular child.

Specifics of LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE

- **We help Czech children!** The projects of DDŠ are similar to “adoption at a distance”, but within the Czech Republic. This means that the help is directed to specific Czech children who for various reasons are growing up in Czech children’s homes, which are and will remain part of our society. Children need help when they leave the children’s home. Without help, it’s nearly impossible for them to start living independently!
- **Most projects of DDŠ are unique**, and no other organisation offers them on such a scale.
- When we do something, we want it to make sense. **We consult both experts and young people who grew up in children’s homes.**
- We have prepared our projects based on advice and received information in order to truly and effectively help those in need. **We do not simply adapt our projects according to grant requests.**
- **We are in personal contact with the children.** The children can turn to us when solving specific problems. We don’t want to be just another anonymous organisation providing programmes in which children participate.
- **A potential sponsor can choose a child**, who in some way impresses him/her, from a list of children on the DDŠ website. Children interested in being included in DDŠ’s projects write a few words about themselves and specify wishes they would like to see fulfilled. Smaller children can draw pictures. **These materials are presented along with the child’s profile on the project website.**
- Any individual can support a child in a way that the individual deems acceptable from a humanitarian and financial point of view. **Our projects are based on financial and non-financial help (contact).**
- **The level of financial support is affordable for all.**
- **100 % of all donations addressed to the accounts of individual projects under the VS payment references for specific children are used for them.** (Each child has a VS payment reference for payments to the particular project account.)
- **Each project has a coordinator**, who maintains complete project documentation, including records of children included in the particular project. The projects “Support me...” and “Find me...” have a joint coordinator, since they are closely related.
- **A Receipt Confirmation or a Donation Agreement will be provided upon request.**
Each donation is tax deductible. Material fulfilment is also tax deductible.

Cooperating children's homes

1. Dolní Počernice	Capital City of Prague	contract signed on 05/04/2011	
2. RADOST	Capital City of Prague	contract signed on 12/04/2011	
3. Nechanice	Hradec Králové Region	contract signed on 26/04/2011	
4. DOMINO Plzeň	Plzeň Region	contract signed on 05/05/2011	
5. Unhošť	Central Bohemian Region	contract signed on 17/05/2011	
6. Lety	Central Bohemian Region	contract signed on 18/05/2011	
7. Dolní Čermná	Pardubice Region	contract signed on 14/06/2011	(linked to Horní Čermná)
8. Moravská Třebová	Pardubice Region	contract signed on 14/06/2011	
9. Frýdek – Místek	Moravian-Silesian Region	contract signed on 24/06/2011	
10. Lichnov	Moravian-Silesian Region	contract signed on 23/06/2011	
11. Hora Svaté Kateřiny	Ústí Region	contract signed on 24/10/2011	
12. Žatec	Ústí Region	contract signed on 24/10/2011	
13. Kašperské Hory	Plzeň Region	contract signed on 30/11/2011	
14. Jemnice	Vysočina Region	contract signed on 30/11/2011	
15. Ústí nad Labem	Ústí Region	contract signed on 25/01/2012	
16. Plumlov	Olomouc Region	contract signed on 16/05/2012	
17. Kroměříž	Zlín Region	contract signed on 16/05/2012	
18. Tišnov	South Moravian Region	contract signed on 21/06/2012	
19. Most	Ústí Region	contract signed on 26/06/2012	
20. Písek	South Bohemian Region	contract signed on 09/10/2012	
21. Česká Lípa	Liberec Region	contract signed on 21/11/2012	
22. Mariánské Lázně	Karlovy Vary Region	contract signed on 12/12/2012	
23. Vizovice	Zlín Region	contract signed on 29/12/2012	
24. Senožaty	Vysočina Region	contract signed on 27/02/2013	
25. Nová ves u Chotěboře	Vysočina Region	contract signed on 12/04/2013	
26. Tachov	Plzeň Region	contract signed on 11/04/2013	
27. Lipová u Šluknova	Ústí Region	contract signed on 20/09/2013	
28. Jeseník	Olomouc Region	contract signed on 21/10/2013	
29. Boršov	South Bohemian Region	contract signed on 08/12/2013	
30. Fulnek	Moravian-Silesian Region	contract signed on 11/12/2013	
31. Racek	Central Bohemian Region	contract signed on 07/11/2014	

In the future we plan to expand our help to include support for individual young people who contact us themselves without needing to cooperate with the children's home where they live. That offer will apply only to adults and support within the project "Help me start in life...".

Forms of help provided to children

- **Financial support for a child after leaving the children's home**
Financial support to a child via savings for the duration of the child's stay in the children's home or a one-time donation to a child, with the saved funds made available to the child after he/she leaves the children's home, which will help in the beginning phase of independent life. DDŠ is a guarantor of the effective use of finances. (project **"Support me..."**)
- **Establishing contact between a child and an individual (family)**
Finding a contact person outside of the children's home (host care), ideally with the relationship continuing even after the child leaves the children's home, and new friends will help the child adjust to the difficult beginnings of independent life. (project **"Find me..."**)
- **Fulfilment of a child's justified wishes**
One-time financial support in the form of a contribution to fulfil the justified wish of a child (the wish must be related to study, effective spending of free time or a medical disability the treatment of which is not covered by health insurance). (project **"I wish..."**)
The material level in children's homes is very high. However, most of the things children receive are allocated to them. From their allowance, which is a maximum of CZK 450 per month. They cannot save for what they want.
- **Material support for a child at the start of independent life**
A Starting package with basic household equipment received by the young person after leaving the children's home upon reaching adulthood or after the completion of studies. (project **"Help me start in life..."**)
- **Complete financial support for a young person during studies after completing elementary education**
The scholarship programme enables a child to devote attention to a selected field, regardless of costs. Secondary school, vocational, higher professional and university students are involved. (project **"Help me start in life..."**)
- **Help with finding suitable employment and housing**
for young people after they leave the children's home. (project **"Help me start in life..."**)
- **Fulfilment of Christmas wishes for children**
from all cooperating children's homes. (project **"A Wishing Tree"**)
- **Legal assistance and prevention of asset seizure**
due to debts for waste removal and public transport fines. (project **"Children without debts"**)

This always involves effective support for a specific child!

The “Support me...” or adoption “up close” projects



As of 31 December 2014, 113 children had been supported as part of the “Support me...” project. The total saved amount was CZK 1,111,945. In 2014, 8 children supported within the “Support me...” project left children’s homes, and a total of CZK 61,311 was paid out.

The purpose of the project is to save a certain amount of money for a child during his stay in the children’s home, which becomes available to the child after he leaves the children’s home and starts his independent life. The saved amount can be used for purposes such as rent payment, furniture, further studies, increasing qualifications, etc. The money can also be paid to the young person gradually in monthly instalments. LET’S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE guarantees the effective use of the donors’ money, and after consulting the child, it is entitled to approve what the money is to be used for. The saved money will remain in the custody of DDŠ until the entire amount is later paid out to the child.

project motto: “Money isn’t everything, but nothing has worth without it...”

Our goal is to find a long-term sponsor for each child included in the project, who if possible will contribute to the child’s support until the child leaves the children’s home. Children who do not have their own permanent sponsors can be supported on a one-time basis. The child’s sponsor may remain anonymous. If there is mutual interest, contact with the child can be arranged. Each long-term sponsor of a child will receive a “Responsible Person” certificate.

Most children are supported within the project by individuals, but corporate donors are also involved in the “Support me...” project. Through the Charitky project, **6 children were supported in 2014 in a total amount of CZK 55,080.**

(T-Mobile Czech Republic CZK 51,300, Kofola CZK 3,780)

The “Charitky” are refined socially responsible promotional materials of a company, 12 % of the price of which is donated to projects supporting disadvantaged children. The 2nd annual **Prague Barefoot Run** raised **CZK 51,950 in support for 11 children** included in the “Support me...” project.



The project’s patron, entertainer and host Vladimír Hron, personally got involved in wrapping of Christmas gifts for children.



The “Find me...” project

The purpose of this project is to find a contact person for a child outside of the children’s home, a patron, who communicates with the child during his stay in the children’s home. This is a relationship that ideally should last until the child leaves the children’s home, and which will help the child with the uneasy transition to independent life. The contact can be in written form or involve personal visits to the child in the children’s home or children’s weekend or holiday stays with families (*host care*).

Contact with a child may be a separate form of help, but it can also be a beneficial addition to financial support.

project motto: “If you want to help a hungry man, don’t give him a fish, but teach him to fish!”

Host care is primarily suitable for older children who have little chance of returning to their biological families or of being placed in long-term foster care. For children, this is often the only way they have a chance to see traditional family life and relationships. The model of a functioning family is what’s missing for most children in children’s homes. As a result, these children often fail to establish traditional partnership relationships as adults and fail to raise their own children well.

- The intensity of contact with a specific child is up to both sides involved, and cooperation depends on the cooperation with the children’s home.
- The chance to establish social and emotional relationships outside the children’s home is a huge advantage for a child.
- Those interested in supporting a child via host care have the opportunity as part of the project to attend free seminars about host care, conducted by our organization.

Weekend seminars for hosts

In November 2014, beyond the traditional one-day seminars for those interested in providing host care, we organised a weekend event for the first time, at which hosts who had already established contact with children and those interested in doing so met. The event took place with financial support from the **J&T Foundation** at the Na Šancích Sport Centre in Prague 10. All 23 participants and 13 children met on a Friday afternoon. After arranging accommodation and dinner everyone was introduced, with a psychologist overseeing the friendly meeting. The first topics of the evening were not only focused on the motivation of potential host care providers, but also on hosts sharing experiences which were clearly interesting for those who were considering hosting. On Saturday, there was a traditional whole-day seminar with lecturers from the Děti patří domů organisation. The main purpose of the seminar is to familiarise the participants with all the pros and cons and potential risks of host care. There was also information to prevent unrealistic expectations and to describe pitfalls related to host care. For the children, the entire weekend included a separate programme with an animator.

The “Find me...” project

Seminar visitors get the chance to examine host care from different angles. Besides the theoretical part, there is also an interactive one, during which participants can try out model situations that they may encounter as hosts in the future. The lecturers from the Děti patří domů organisation have years of experience helping children. A children’s home director always participates in the seminars, so problems can be examined from different sides. This time our invitation was accepted by the Lichnov children’s home director Alena Lukeszová, who came with foster children and with hosts who help children from the children’s home Lichnov. Two young boys with personal experience with host care also got to speak. That made it possible to examine it from a child’s perspective. Before dinner, the participants got the chance to consult a psychologist, and many of them used it. Unfortunately, due to illness we had to cancel the planned evening discussion with our patron Lucie Benešová, who has been raising her foster daughter Sára for 7 years. Although the participants regretted not being able to meet Lucie, we hope that the director Ms. Lukeszová made up for it with her insightful contribution.

The seminar guests went home full of impressions and ideas to think about on Sunday. **We highly recommend the seminar to everyone considering providing host care!**

Every child who is interested in being included in the “Support me...” or “Find me...” projects has to write a few words about himself or to draw. These materials are presented under the link “Who am I” with the child’s profile on the project website.

The project’s patron, actress Lucie Benešová, supported us when reopening the TGI Friday’s at Na Příkopě in Prague.



Dobrý den,

jmenuji se Jiří, mám 14 let.
Chtěl bych být zařazen Vaší organizací Dejme dětem šanci do projektu „Podporuj mě...“
Myslím na svou budoucnost a přiučil bych naspořenou částku, která by mi pomohla v mých začátcích po odchodu z dětského domova. Vím, že má situace nebude jednoduchá a tučil bych mi tento příspěvek pomohl.

Děkuji za kladné vyřízení!

Janošec Jiří

Ps. Mezi mé záliby patří kárkování s železnou skupinou LICHPOD DVAŘCE kde jsme se zúčastnili různých soutěží.
Rád sportuji, hraji kulečník, volejbal, s ostatními chlapci reprezentujeme náš dětský domov na turnajích.
Na základní škole jsem hrál KIM-BOL, s našim družstvem jsme se zúčastnili celostátního kola v Praze.
Dále mě baví práce s keramickou hlinou, s pedagem, již jsem vytvořil spoustu výrobků.

Jmenuji se Jennifer, je mi 18 let. V DD jsem už od svých dvou let. Líbí se mi tu, mám tu kamarády, se kterými trávím svůj volný čas. Mými koníčky jsou umění, sledování TV filmů a seriálů. Dělala vaření a obsluhuji hosty, proto jsem si vybrala studium oboru kuchař - číšník. V letovním roce studium končím a chtěla bych pracovat spíš jako servírka. V DD jsem moc spokojena.

Svému případnému podporovateli děkuji předem.

The “I wish...” project

By 31 December 2014, within the project “I wish...”, 571 wishes of children had been fulfilled, totalling CZK 2,739,159. Of those, 215 wishes worth CZK 1,014,845 were fulfilled in 2014.

This activity involves financial support for a child on a one-time basis in the form of a donation for justified wishes.

The wishes must be related to:

- **study** (school supplies, courses, school-organised stays, etc.)
- **effective spending of free time** (sport and art supplies, musical instruments, etc.)
- **correction of a medical disability** not covered by insurance (glasses, braces, etc.)

The aim of the “I wish...” project is to enable children growing up in children’s homes to enjoy their hobbies, spend free time effectively and boost their self-esteem, which is often very weak. This greatly helps the child to become integrated into society after leaving the children’s home.

project motto: “The best way to start a new day is to think immediately after waking up about whether or not we can make at least one person happy.”

- **Any amount can be contributed (contributions are added up until the target is reached).**
- The minimum amount for the “I wish...” project is CZK 100.
- Each donor will receive a Receipt Confirmation upon request.
- The child has a chance to choose what item or service the donations are to pay for.
- The children’s homes are paid for fulfilling the child’s wishes after a copy of a receipt is presented showing that the goods for which the donation was intended were purchased.

Most donations for children’s wishes are given by individuals, and many of them donate repeatedly, for which we are deeply grateful. Corporate donors also support children. The company **Hamlet Production** has again donated tickets to musicals performed at the Kalich theatre to children, worth a total of **CZK 63,890**, and **Allegria - Firma na zážitky**, thanks to its clients, donated **CZK 40,600** to fulfil children’s wishes, and the **Prague Stock Exchange** donated **CZK 30,000**. Thank you!



The project’s patron is the two time Olympic champion Barbora Špotáková, who in 2014 made a generous contribution of CZK 53,500. Thank you! In the photo, Bára is presenting a DDŠ desk calendar at one of the events held by DDŠ.



LET'S GIVE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

or the

“Wishing Tree” project

In the 3rd annual “Wishing Tree” project 1,041 Christmas wishes were fulfilled for children in the total value of CZK 1,349,689!

This year the project involved 1,083 children from all 31 cooperating children’s homes.

The Wishing Tree is an online form of a product that you may be familiar with from shopping centres in large Czech cities, and is a Christmas addition to the “I wish...” project. The difference is that children’s wishes do not have to be justified, and that the children can wish for what they want.

Everyone can make a child living in a children’s home happy with a Christmas gift in just a few minutes, from the comfort of their computers via the website www.stromsplnenychprani.cz, where all wishes are presented from 11 November to 12 December of the particular year. The e-shop **Patro.CZ** is the project’s partner. Each child has the opportunity himself to choose a specific gift from **Patro.CZ** and ask for it in a “Letter to Santa Claus”. We do not limit the prices of the desired gifts, but we can’t guarantee fulfilment of all the wishes. Everyone has to consider whether to give priority to “a handful of sparrows” and choose an affordable wish or “a pigeon on the roof” and risk that the wish won’t be fulfilled. After all, even children in traditional families don’t always get what they want.

Some donors are surprised that there are so many phones, tablets, laptops and cameras on the project site. Many older children and young adults live in children’s homes. Other than their circumstances they do not differ much from their peers and desire to be treated equally. A mobile phone is not something exceptional for a 12-year-old to have nowadays, and a tablet or laptop is considered a regular school supply at many schools. Or the children simply have a dream or wish which may seem extravagant. It pays to realise that these children have never experienced a “normal” Christmas, they don’t have experience with traditional families and have not been taught a realistic idea about money. Although the caretakers at the children’s homes do the maximum, they can never replace what those of us lucky enough to grow up in a family have learnt by simply “watching” our parents, such as how to behave, how to approach life and to estimate which gifts are realistic.

We would like to thank **Patro.CZ** and especially its director, **Petra Večerková** for her personal involvement in the project, the Park Hostivař shopping centre for providing space free of charge for storing and wrapping presents, **Albi Česká republika** which again donated Christmas wrapping paper and gift bags, and all volunteers who have helped us wrap such a great number of gifts! **In particular, we would like to thank all of the “Santa Clauses” who got involved in the project and bought Christmas gifts!**



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“Strom splněných přání”



The Patro.CZ director Petra Večerková, the “Wishing Tree” project coordinator Karolína Kardaczková and this “I wish...” coordinator Monika Hrstková sorting presents.



The “Help me start in life...” project

In particular this project is focused on preparing older children for leaving the children’s homes and on helping young people leaving them after reaching adulthood or completing studies. This is the organisation’s most extensive and most expensive project.

The children’s homes ensure that the children have a problem-free life in terms of physical safety. Children become more anxious when they have to leave the children’s home and cannot achieve a similar standard of living. There are many situations that most of us handle automatically each day without realising how much of a problem such situations can be for these young people who are encountering such situations for the first time and logically can’t cope.

Children living in children’s homes have had a childhood which certainly cannot be considered trouble-free, and an uncertain future awaits them. When leaving the children’s home they are formally adults but practically still children. They lack foundations or an example of a family, along with that they have nowhere to go and are left to fend for themselves. By law they can receive a maximum of CZK 25,000 upon leaving. Can you imagine your children in their situation?

project motto: “We can recognise a true friend in uncertain situations...”

The “Help me start in life...” project has three separate parts:

- 1. The Scholarship Programme** (comprehensive financial support during studies and preparation for a future career)
- 2. Starting packages** (basic material home furnishings)
- 3. Help at the start of independent life** (job and housing searches, personal assistance)

The patron of the “Help me start in life...” project is doc. MUDr. Jan Měšťák, CSc., who helped our colleague Monika Hrstková twenty years ago after a serious car accident. This year our patron celebrated an important milestone. During the **celebration of his 70th birthday** he asked his guests to donate to our organisation in place of gifts for himself. **That request raised an incredible amount of CZK 86,000!**

The birthday celebration, which took place in the beautiful Altány Kampa restaurant, was also attended by representatives of DDŠ, who gave the patron cards with photos of children in the “Help me start in life...” project, as well as photos from the events in which doc. MUDr. Měšťák, CSc. participated. We sincerely thank him and all of his friends!



The “Help me start in life...” project

Starting packages

Each package contains basic household furnishings (**bed linens and blankets, towels, dishes, small kitchen appliances, an iron, an ironing board, a clothes drying stand, a vacuum cleaner, an electric kettle and toiletries**), which are very helpful at the beginning of the independent life of a young person who cannot expect help from family.

The Starting packages are issued only to young people who are leaving children’s homes after reaching adulthood or after completing their studies, and their provision has been met with tremendous praise both from children’s home staff and from the young people themselves.

We have already given out 35 Starting packages to children worth a total of CZK 479,779.

For children leaving the children’s home during the 2014/2015 school year, we have put together **20 Starting packages** worth a total of **CZK 376,538**. **One Starting package is worth CZK 18,827**. The contents of the packages have been provided to us by: **SILEX, Vaše DEDRA, Elektrolux, U.T.C., and the Naše dítě Foundation** donated **CZK 45,000** for buying electrical appliances. We bought the electrical appliances from the e-shop **Patro.CZ**, which also provided us with storage spaces for assembling packages that would not fit in our office. Other furnishings in the starting package worth **CZK 90,000** were donated by **Groupe SEB ČR**.

The Scholarship Programme as part of the “Help me start in life...” project

The aim of the programme is to provide children with comprehensive financial support during studies and to enable them to study subjects they choose, acquire qualifications and improve their job prospects. If children get a chance to succeed in a subject that they enjoy, it greatly increases the likelihood that they will complete their studies in it, focus on it and succeed in their independent life. Since studying carries extra costs, children’s homes often cannot ensure the children’s specific requirements related to their education and their preparation for careers. **All of these costs can be financed thanks to the Scholarship Programme. It mainly covers accommodation at school dormitories, costs for travel to school, school supplies, tuition and various courses related to study and rent in starter flats.** The maximum amount of support for one child per school year is limited to **CZK 50,000**.



Iveta receives a Starting package. We wish her much luck in her independent life!

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The Scholarship Programme as part of the “Help me start in life...” project

As part of the Scholarship Programme, children also have the chance to acquire a **Scholarship of Merit**, based on which the children alone must specify the criteria that they want to achieve each semester, and a **Motivational Scholarship** for final-year students, the aim of which is to ensure that the children stay in the children’s home until finishing studies, making completion more likely. Secondary school, vocational, higher professional and university students are included.

In the first two years of the Scholarship Programme, we supported a total of 29 children with CZK 1,020,165. For the 2014/2015 school year, the Scholarship Programme includes 32 children, whom we have pledged to support with CZK 1,059,300.

We take an individual approach to each child in the programme. We are in contact with the children all year. We host two extended weekend meetings for children in the Scholarship Programme per year, at which we always have an interesting programme prepared for the children consisting of topical seminars with quality instructors and recreation. However, the main purpose of the extended weekends is to establish trust and friendship between the children and members of the DDS team. This is essential for helping the children. During the weekend events, we enable the children to meet with their sponsors.

We spent the spring weekend from 10 to 13 April 2014 at the Hotel Benedikt in Most. The autumn weekend, the fifth one, took place at the Hotel Laguna in Slapy from 9 to 12 October 2014.



The “Run for children” project

At the turn of 2013 and 2014, we became a partner of the Prague International Marathon (PIM). Thanks to this cooperation, we were able to purchase registration numbers for prices set by RunCzech for non-profits and sell them to clients. This raises financial support for our organisation and projects. Beyond the sales of advertising items and New Year’s cards, it also involves options for self-financing. Our prices for registrations usually do not differ from the official prices set by RunCzech for the particular period. We also offer runners the chance to support us by buying “Run for children” t-shirts from Nike, made from quality material, which can raise awareness of our organisation and stress that you are not just running for your health, but for a good cause.

On **5 April 2014** we welcomed nearly 250 runners at the start of the **Sportisimo 1/2 Marathon in Prague** who supported us. The runners at the start included the project’s patron, **Dalibor Gondík**, who was supported in the run by his colleagues from the music group Hamleti, **Aleš Háma** and **Jakub Wehrenberg**. The 4th runner in the “Hamlet” relay was the Olympic decathlon champion **Roman Šebrle**.

The organisation’s patron, the two time Olympic champion **Bára Špotáková**, also ran accompanied by her partner Lukáš and two young men included in DDŠ projects. MEP **Pavel Telička** also ran for children. We would like to thank all the individuals and companies who supported us. We would especially like to thank **SCA Hygiene Products** (TORK), which had the largest representation at the start of the race and donated **EUR 2** to us for each kilometre run by all of its team members. Since the SCA ran a total of 630 km, their total support for our organisation was **EUR 1,260**. Thank you!

On **11 May 2014**, our organisation was represented in the **Volkswagen Marathon Prague** by 70 runners, including **Pavel Ducháček** from the children’s home Moravská Třebová, who finished his first Marathon run with 5:07:29. Pavel’s run was supported with a donation of **CZK 16,400**. We were also represented in the regional half-marathons at the Prague Grand Prix. The schedules for individual races in the 2015 season can be found on our website.



Pavel with his first marathon medal...



The “Children without debts” project

We were very pleased to become a partner in a project of Mgr. Alena Vlachová from the law firm Vepřek, Caska & Vlachová. Part of the project involves providing free legal assistance to children who through no fault of their own have ended up with problems connected to repossessors; and furthermore represents them in payment management, court and asset seizure proceedings. The firm is also seeking amendments to the law on local fees, so that in the future similar situations do not arise.

The aim of the “Children without debts” project is to take all necessary steps to get children out of debt and prevent asset seizure.

project motto: “The law is only technical and not always a reflection of justice.” (Emil Vachek)

You may wonder how it is possible that children have such debts?

Children growing up in children’s homes each have their biological mother’s permanent address registered as their permanent addresses, usually in a place where the child is seldom present or may never have been. However, their “home” municipality is able to assess owed amounts for household waste removal even though the children obviously have not produced it. Of course, the children’s parents are not paying the fees. As a result the debt increases over time. Eventually, the municipality refers the matter to a reposessor who adds a hefty fee to the debt. So it is very easy for a child to become subject to asset seizure. All of this is legal. The child often does not even find out about the situation in time, because all correspondence is addressed to the child’s parents, his legal guardians. So a young person can easily be deprived of the little that he gets for starting his independent life or can even start a difficult phase of life with debt. It may seem unbelievable, but this isn’t the only type of situation. A similar situation can occur in attempts to collect debt owed to public transport companies. When a parent has not bought a ticket for a child and the transport company waits years to collect the debt from the child directly through asset seizure.

In the project attempts are primarily made to resolve the cases legally. But, when all other options have been tried and the child faces asset seizure steps are taken to get the child out of debt by arranging his payment of the debt from money provided by a donor. So as with the organisation’s other projects this involves directly supporting a specific child, but in view of the character of the project the money cannot be transferred directly to the selected child, because individual cases are assessed and resolved based on urgency. We even help resolve the debts of children from children’s homes other than those cooperating. The stories of individual children are presented on the website www.detibezdluhu.cz. In view of Mgr. Vlachová’s success during court proceedings, in 2014 we had to pay debts only for **2 children, CZK 2,869**. A list of supported children can be found on our website.

By 31 December 2014, a total of **CZK 42,880** had been saved for children.

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EVENTS in 2014 – Benefit Evening 28 May 2014

The 4th Benefit Evening of DDŠ was held like the previous year at the Palace Theatre on the Prague's Wenceslas Square. This event has become a yearly tradition in which we have a unique opportunity to meet with our partners, patrons, supporters, children's homes staff and the children we help. The evening event, which featured the beautiful moderator **Tereza Kostková**, was also an opportunity to thank all of our donors and backers for their support. All of our organisation's patrons were present – actress **Lucie Benešová**, two time Olympic champion **Barbora Špotáková**, entertainer **Vladimír Hron**, plastic surgeon **doc. MUDr. Jan Měšťák, CSc.**, and moderator **Dalibor Gondík**, who for 2014 accepted the auspices for the "Run for children" project. The founder and director of the Naše dítě Foundation, **Zuzana Baudyšová** also participated, and during the evening she was named an "Honorary Member" of DDŠ.

The event also featured a musical performance by **Hamleti**, with **Dalibor Gondík**, **Aleš Háma**, **Jakub Wehrenberg** and **Hardy Marzuki**. The winners of the "LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE to Photograph Their Lives" photo contest were named, with the participation of Pavel Prikryl as a representative of **Grand Thorton Advisory**, which was a partner. The Benefit Evening is also a great opportunity to introduce the children we are helping. This year there were four young men. Lukáš, 19, spoke of how we helped him when he left the children's home. Ruda, Radek and Patrik, who are involved in the organisation's projects, explained what the support meant. They showed the guests their own talent by giving a professional musical performance.

Like every year, an auction was part of the evening. This time, training with **Bára Špotáková** was auctioned. The winning bid was placed by **Monika Babišová** for her husband's birthday, for a noteworthy CZK 56,000! At the end of the evening, the donors had the opportunity to give DDŠ representatives cheques to support its activities and the children helped by projects. After the official part of the evening, there was a buffet prepared in the lobby by the Ambiente restaurant.



From left – DDŠ team, Patrik, Radek and Ruda "in action", Tereza Kostková and Vláda Hron auction of training with Bára Špotáková

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EVENTS in 2014 - Baking for children



“Baking for children” is a project of MUDr. Alice Tomková, who has been helping needy children in this way for 15 years. It involves the sale of baked and sweet products as a form of fundraising. Baking for children is held every first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Prague’s Myslbek passage. **LET’S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE** has accepted short-term patronage over the project, and in 2014 it participated in Baking for children 3 times.

On **6 September 2014**, DDŠ patron **Lucie Benešová** and **Eliška Kaplicky** sold pastries. Actress **Nela Boudová** also gave her support. The proceeds from the sale in the amount of **CZK 16,411** were used to support baking studies for František, age 17. He personally participated in the November baking and brought his own bundt cake and sweet roll.

On **4 October 2014** former Prague Mayor **Tomáš Hudeček** and actress **Michaela Kuklová** helped us sell the goods. The proceeds, **CZK 15,321** partially covered the costs for the weekend meetings of children in the Scholarship Programme in the “Help me start in life... ” project.

On **1 November 2014** we received help with the sale of baked goods from a wide range of individuals – our patron **Vláďa Hron**, **Markéta Častváj Plánková**, **Tomáš Savka** and **Monika Absolonová**. Thanks to everyone’s efforts, Vendulka was supported in her studies with **CZK 19,297**.

We made the baking event more enjoyable by selling warm beverages in mugs with the DDŠ logo and selling the organisation’s promotional items and products made by children from children’s homes. Children from children’s homes in Plzeň, Prague - Dolní Počernice and Horní Čermná got highly involved in selling baked goods. The quality Milani brand coffee and Original Tea First brand tea were prepared as gifts for us by Caffé Milani, which is a partner for events held by DDŠ. Thanks belong to Caffé Milani’s representative Vít Müller, who personally prepares drinks at most events, and Alice Tomková, who has enabled our participation in the project.



EVENTS in 2014 - Gingerbread for Starting packages

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On Saturday, 6 December 2014 at the Antonín Bakery near the Jiřího z Poděbrad square in Prague an event was held in the spirit of Christmas, the proceeds from which went to help children leaving children's homes.

During the entire day, shoppers could buy hand-painted gingerbread and original pig-shaped cookie cutters, donated by **Kofola**, and in doing so helped children preparing for independent life. **Barbora Špotáková**, patron of DDŠ, presented the Kofola charity desk calendar with pictures and photographs of children from cooperating children's homes. The event also included the traditional sale of mugs with the DDŠ logo and other DDŠ promotional items. Everyone who purchased a mug received it filled with free mulled wine, and since it was winter many were interested. The sales were helped tremendously by volunteers from Profinit who despite the inclement weather tirelessly walked throughout the square and in its surroundings, and who we sincerely thank for their enthusiasm. The three teams of volunteers who competed with each other sold gingerbread and cookie cutters for a total of more than **CZK 12,000!** The event raised a total of **CZK 27,000!**

Children from the children's home in Frýdek - Místek, who were spending the Advent weekend in Prague, also came. Accommodation in the pre-Christmas atmosphere of Prague was arranged for them through us in a nearby inn by our supporter Marta Krásová. The children's home Frýdek - Místek was 1 of 3 whose children won accommodation in a fair raffle during the Benefit Evening. **We thank the Antonín bakery, the volunteers from Profinit and everyone who came to see us for their support!**



From the left – amazing team of volunteers from Profinit; Bára actively baking; DDŠ team altogether with Bára Špotáková

EVENTS in 2014

During 2014, we participated in many events. We held some on our own, we are invited to some of them as partners, and some were held by third parties for us. Of course not all of them will fit in the Annual Report, but you will find them in the “Events” link on our website. We also regularly provide information about all events on our Facebook profile. We would like to thank all who have donated the proceeds from held events to DDŠ, and we thank all volunteers and visitors who have supported us by attending our events!

2. Prague Barefoot Run – 7 June 2014

On Saturday, 7 June 2014, in beautiful sunny weather, the 2nd annual **Prague Barefoot Run** for charity was held at Prague’s Ladronka park. The proceeds from the run were donated to support children in the “Support me...” project. Thanks to the 274 registered runners, 11 children were supported with **CZK 51,950**. The event was supported by our patron **Bára Špotáková**, who also assumed the role of “starter”. Also among the runners were Czech Miss finalists **Tereza Chlebovská** and **Monika Leová** and this year’s winner **Gabriela Franková**.

A full accompanying programme was prepared for the participants. We would like to thank the run’s organiser **Patrik Bém** and his agency **For Dreams** for supporting the children!



Reopening of T.G.I. Friday’s at Prague’s na Příkopě

On 30 September 2014, following successful reconstruction, the Grand Reopening of T.G.I Friday’s on Na Příkopě took place. During the evening DDŠ along with patrons **Bára Špotáková**, **Lucie Benešová** and **Doc.MUDr. Jan Měšťák CSc.** received a cheque for **CZK 50,000** from the restaurant chain’s general manager Petr Vlastník. Lucie Benešová briefly assumed the role of bartender, and she was excellent. The doctor was assigned to cut the ceremonial cake. We all enjoyed the whole evening. The support from T.G.I. Friday’s also continued during October with a donation of CZK 5 for every hamburger ordered, which raised another **CZK 9,500**. In 2014, T.G.I. Friday’s also prepared a lunch for the children during the weekend meeting, worth **CZK 13,984**. We would like to thank the entire T.G.I. Friday’s team for their support!



Charity gingerbread baking at the National Theatre Piazzeta

On 12 December 2014 at 3 p.m., dozens of people filled the Piazzeta of the National Theatre, which was also filled with the aroma of mulled wine and freshly baked gingerbread, to enjoy gingerbread hand-decorated by theatre performers. Those who arrived to bake and decorate included **Igor Bareš** and **Antonie Talacková** and daughter **Tonička**, **Filip Kaňkovský**, **Jana Pidrmanová**, **Eva Salzmánová**, **Marko Igonda** and daughter, **Jana Boušková**, ballet soloists from the National Theatre and dancers from *Laterna magiky*. The atmosphere was enhanced by a performance by the Prague Children’s Opera directed by soloist **Jiřina Marková**. Besides gingerbread, visitors could also purchase products made by children from children’s homes, coffee, mulled wine and hot cocoa. Volunteers from **Senator Travel** offered passers-by sweets, which had been baked for the event by the **Electrolux AvantGarde Culinary School**. Electrolux provided us with free baking ovens. The event raised nearly **CZK 15,000**. Thank you!

Cooperation with corporate partners in 2014

The financing of DDŠ's activities is based mainly on support in the form of corporate donations. We highly appreciate the cooperation with all of the companies that have supported us in recent years. We are constantly addressing new companies, but we mainly try to maintain and depend on cooperation with existing corporate partners, particularly those providing long-term or repeated support. We are also pleased by newly formed cooperation which demonstrates the potential for development.

The main partners of DDŠ in 2014 were **Gepard finance** and **DBK Partners**, with whom we have been cooperating since our activities began. Another partner is **BB Partner** which ensures the production of the overwhelming majority of printed materials free for us. This contribution provides us with enormous support.

GEPARD FINANCE

In 2014, Gepard finance supported us with **CZK 300,000**, of which CZK 100,000 was intended for partnership in "I run for children". For 2014, as in the previous three years, we were a partner of the Gepard company calendar. The patron of the calendar for 2014 was actor **Petr Rychlý**. The unveiling of the calendar took place on 4 December 2014 at the Hotel Sovereign in Prague, and was sold for CZK 5,000. Those proceeds were also donated to us.



DBK PARTNERS

DBK has been cooperating with DDŠ since our activities began. In recent years it has especially supported children included in the Scholarship Programme in the "Help me start in life..." project. In 2014, it supported us with CZK 200,000 and became a partner of our organisation.

ELECTROLUX

ELECTROLUX supported us in 2014 with **CZK 300,000**. Before Christmas, we together with children from the children's home Unhošť also visited the Electrolux AvantGarde Culinary School. While there and under the supervision of Michelin baker Lucie Průšová's, we baked Christmas cookies to sell at markets. Electrolux provided us with free baking ovens for the sales event of DDŠ at the National Theatre Piazzeta.

Profnit

In 2012, Profnit supported us by buying New Year's cards for its business partners. In 2014 as part of its Christmas campaign, the company donated **CZK 222,222**. Profnit volunteers took part in the DDŠ event "Gingerbread for Starting packages" at Antonín Bakery (for more see page 26) and in wrapping Christmas presents for children in the "Wishing Tree" project.



Cooperation with corporate partners in 2014

České Radiokomunikace

České Radiokomunikace established cooperation with us in 2014, when it supported six students included in the Scholarship Programme as part of the “Help me start in life... ” project with a total donation of **CZK 146,520**. On the children’s behalf, we sincerely thank them for the support! We hope to continue this cooperation in 2015.

NOVARTIS

During the 2014/2015 school year, NOVARTIS also supported six students in the Scholarship Programme with a donation of **CZK 95,000**. Before Christmas, they also supported us by buying our promotional calendars. We thank you and look forward to more cooperation!

JCDecaux Group

JCDecaux Group has repeatedly provided us with “citilight” advertising poster spaces, both in Prague and in regional towns. This year it did so for the “Help us help Children from Children’s homes” campaign in August 2014.

MADETA

We have been cooperating with MADETA since 2013. In 2014, MADETA supported us with a **CZK 77,218** gift. It also twice provided us with space for our promotional campaigns on the back of long-life milk cartons in June, and on the dairy product Lipánek starting in late 2014. MADETA also provides us with snacks for the children during weekend stays.

VCES

VCES has participated in financing the children’s weekend stays for the second time. In 2014 it donated **CZK 40,000**. On 21 October 2014, it also repeatedly enabled students from children’s homes partnering with DDŠ to go on excursions with an accompanying programme at one of their building sites. We highly appreciate this cooperation and look forward to continuing it in the next year.

Vaše DEDRA, U.T.C. and SILEX have been providing us with the contents for Starting packages for several years that we give to children leaving children’s homes.

The Naše dítě Foundation contributes each year to filling Starting packages with items that we haven’t managed to obtain, through material fulfilment from goods manufacturers and vendors (*for more about Starting packages and support, see 20*).

We appreciate the support from each of you and thank you for helping us help children from children’s homes!

What else happened in 2014...

- In 2014, due to our growth and the expansion of our activities, we were forced to make **accounting changes**. It was no longer possible for our accounting to be conducted by an external firm. We now have an economist, who ensures the conducting of accounting, and AP - účetnictví, finance which provides supervision.
- In March we announced a contest for children from cooperating children's homes, this time entitled **"LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE to photograph their lives."** The winners were named at the Benefit Evening at the Palace Theatre.
- In April 2014, DDŠ became a partner in the **"Children without debts"** project.
- On 28 April 2014, DDŠ's director, in the role of a jury member, and patron Lucie Benešová, as moderator, attended the **regional round of the Nicest Concert in Moravia-Silesia**, organised by the children's home Lichnov.
- On 29 April 2014, representatives of DDŠ participated in the **Firefly Run**.
- On 15 May 2014, members of the DDŠ team and the staff of various children's homes took part in the **Hostivař Run**.
- In June 2014, thanks to MADETA we launched the **"Help with me"** campaign, in which DDŠ patrons participated. The appeal was on the back of milk cartons.
- Between July and August, the **"Help with me"** campaign followed up from citilights in Prague and regional towns.
- In August 2014, **a tender was held for the 3rd annual Scholarship Programme** in the "Help me start in life..." project. For the 2014/2015 school year, it includes 32 children whom we have pledged to support with **CZK 1,059,300**.
- In September 2014, in cooperation with Student Agency, we put posters reading **"We can accomplish it if you help us"** on the Prague-Brno bus route.
- From 25 to 27 August 2014, a **DDŠ teambuilding** event took place in Šidlákov, attended by our patron Bára Špotáková.
- On 23 September 2014, we were issued the title **"Reliable Non-profit Organisation"**.
- In October 2014, we announced the 3rd annual **"Wishing Tree"** project.
From 11 November 2014 to 12 December 2014 our website www.stromsplnenychprani.cz.
- On 22 December 2014, the **"Get involved with us and help too"** campaign was launched on Madeta's Lipánek dairy goods.

All events, activities and campaigns are presented on our website www.dejmedetemsanci.cz and on Facebook. Besides the main Facebook profile, DDŠ has a profile for the "Run for children" and "Wishing Tree" projects.

Financing of LET'S GIVE CHILDREN A CHANCE

- We are members of **AVPO** (the Association of Non-profit Organisations), which primarily aims to promote transparency and professionalism.
- We are holders of the title **“Reliable Non-profit Organisation”**.
- **The financing of DDŠ is based on support from individual and corporate donors.**
- Each of our financial projects has its own bank account. 100 % of all money sent to the accounts of individual projects under individual children's VS payment references is used to support those specific children, who are included in specific projects.
- The operating account from which expenses for the organisation's running are paid is separate.
- All of our accounts are held at Raffeisenbank's branch at Olbrachtova 2006/9, Prague 4.
- We emphasise the effective use of all donated funds.
- We are committed to not be dependent on support from ESF grants.
We don't want to blindly adapt our long and carefully prepared projects to current grant challenges.
- As of yet we have not received any funds from state bodies.
- All received donations and gifts are published on our website (unless the donor wants to remain anonymous).
- Donor contributions both in monetary and material form over CZK 10,000 (inclusive) are presented in our Annual Report.

The financial support of DDŠ activities is based on financing from multiple sources

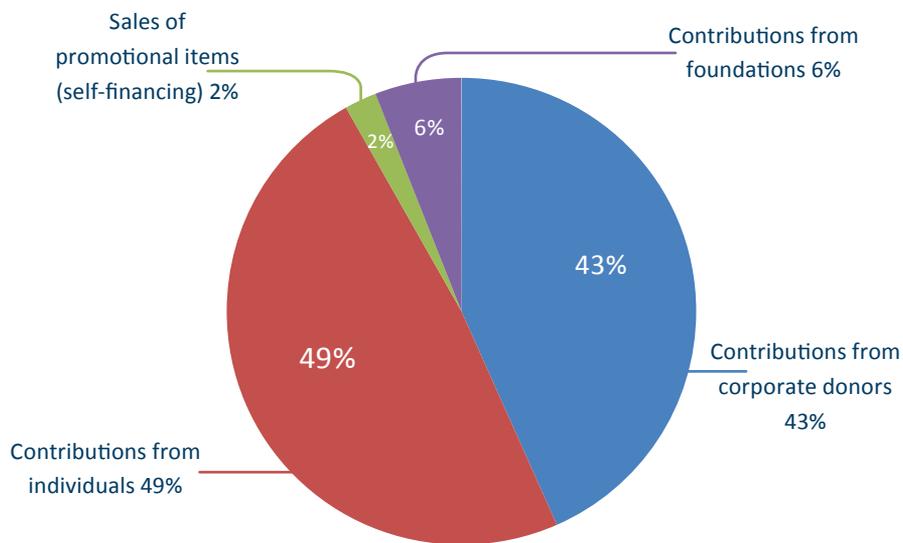
(percentage share of financing of the organisation)

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|---|------|
| • contributions from corporate donors | 43 % |
| • contributions from individuals | 49 % |
| • sale of promotional items (self-financing) | 2 % |
| • contributions from foundations and foundation funds | 6 % |

Annual costs for our activities are divided as follows:

- | | |
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| • activities and services in our main activities (fulfilment of our mission) | 65 % |
| • promotion and fundraising | 14 % |
| • management and administration | 20 % |

Sources of financing for DDŠ



Profit and Loss Account for 2012 and 2013

Ministerstvo financí
schváleno č.j. 283/76 102/2000
a účinnosti pro účetní jednotky
účtující podle účtové osnovy pro
nevýdělečné organizace

VÝKAZ ZISKU A ZTRÁTY
sestavený k **31.12. 2012**
(v celých tis. Kč)

Název a sídlo účetní jednotky
Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.
Nad Nuslemi 714/11
140 00Praha 4

Účetní jednotka doručí:
1x příslušnému finančnímu
orgánu

IČO
22903844

Název ukazatele	Činnosti			
	hlavní	hospodářská		celkem
	5	6	7	8
I. Spotřebované nákupy celkem	407			407
1. Spotřeba materiálu	379			379
2. Spotřeba energie	28			28
II. Služby celkem	1 075			1 075
8. Ostatní služby	1 075			1 075
III. Osobní náklady celkem	290			290
9. Mzdové náklady	234			234
10. Zákonné sociální pojištění	56			56
V. Ostatní náklady celkem	20			20
24. Jiné ostatní náklady	20			20
VII. Poskytnuté příspěvky celkem	3 127			3 127
32. Poskytnuté příspěvky	3 127			3 127
Náklady celkem	4 918			4 918

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	hlavní	hospodářská		celkem
	5	6	7	8
I. Spotřebované nákupy celkem	397			397
1. Spotřeba materiálu	356			356
2. Spotřeba energie	41			41
II. Služby celkem	1 805			1 805
8. Ostatní služby	1 805			1 805
III. Osobní náklady celkem	797			797
9. Mzdové náklady	643			643
10. Zákonné sociální pojištění	155			155
V. Ostatní náklady celkem	49			49
24. Jiné ostatní náklady	49			49
VII. Poskytnuté příspěvky celkem	3 565			3 565
32. Poskytnuté příspěvky	3 565			3 565
Náklady celkem	6 613			6 613

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sestavený k **31.12. 2012**
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Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.
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orgánu

IČO
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Název ukazatele	Činnosti			
	hlavní	hospodářská		celkem
	5	6	7	8
I. Tržby za vlastní výkony a za zboží celkem	240			240
2. Tržby z prodeje služeb	240			240
VI. Přijaté příspěvky celkem	4 756			4 756
27. Přijaté příspěvky	4 700			4 700
28. Přijaté členské příspěvky	56			56
Výnosy celkem	4 996			4 996
C. Hospodářský výsledek před zdaněním	78			78
D. Hospodářský výsledek po zdanění	78			78

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Okamžik sestavení:
Telefon :

Ministerstvo financí
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nevýdělečné organizace

VÝKAZ ZISKU A ZTRÁTY
sestavený k **31.12. 2013**
(v celých tis. Kč)

Název a sídlo účetní jednotky
Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.
Nad Nuslemi 714/11
140 00Praha 4

Účetní jednotka doručí:
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orgánu

IČO
22903844

Název ukazatele	Činnosti			
	hlavní	hospodářská		celkem
	5	6	7	8
I. Tržby za vlastní výkony a za zboží celkem	346			346
2. Tržby z prodeje služeb	346			346
IV. Ostatní výnosy celkem	2			2
15. Úroky	2			2
VI. Přijaté příspěvky celkem	6 892			6 892
27. Přijaté příspěvky	6 831			6 831
28. Přijaté členské příspěvky	61			61
Výnosy celkem	7 241			7 241
C. Hospodářský výsledek před zdaněním	627			627
D. Hospodářský výsledek po zdanění	627			627

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Profit and loss account and final balance sheet account for 2014

Czech Ministry of Finance,
approved by Czech MF
Ref. No. 283/77 225/2001
effectiveness for a unit
conducting accounting based
on a plan for non-profit
organisations

Accounting unit shall deliver
1 report to financial body

BALANCE SHEET

prepared as **31/12 2014**
at
(in thousands of CZK)

Reg. No.
22903844

Acc. NO Acc. 1 - 01

Acc. unit's name and seat
Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.

Nad Nuslemi 714/11
140 00 Prague 4

ASSETS	row b	Balance as at	
		first day of acc. period	last day of acc. period
		1	2
B. Total short-term assets	041	3,111	2,883
B.I. Total reserves	042	63	110
1. Material in storage	(112) 043	63	110
B.II. Total receivables	052	241	225
1. Customers	(311) 053	94	202
4. Provided operating advances	(314) 056	22	14
5. Miscellaneous receivables	(315) 057	10	9
17. Other receivables	(376) 069	116	
B.III. Total short-term financial assets	072	2,349	2,170
1. Cash register	(211) 073	14	29
3. Bank accounts	(221) 075	2,335	2,141
B.IV. Sum of other assets	081	458	379
1. Costs for subsequent periods	(381) 082	458	379
TOTAL ASSETS	row 1 + 41	085 3,111	2,883

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LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES	row b	Balance as at	
		first day of acc. period	last day of acc. period
		3	4
A. Total own resources	086	706	400
A.II. Total economic results	091	706	400
1. Economic result account	092	627	- 294
3. Undivided profit, uncovered losses from previous years	(932) 094	78	693
B. Total outside sources	095	2,405	2,484
B.II. Total long-term liabilities	098	9	14
6. Estimated accounts payable	(389) 104	9	14
B.III. Total short-term liabilities	106	2,225	2,073
1. Suppliers	(321) 107	121	166
4. Miscellaneous obligations	(325) 110	2,021	1,764
5. Employees	(331) 111	57	91
7. Liabilities owed for social security, health ins.	(336) 113	23	28
9. Miscellaneous direct taxes	(342) 115	2	4
B.IV. Sum of other liabilities	130	171	398
1. Deferred expenses	(383) 131	33	
2. Deferred revenues	(384) 132	138	398
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(r. 86+95) 134	3,111	2,883

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PROFIT AND LOSS

prepared as at **31/12/ 2014**
(in whole thous. CZK)

Reg. No.
22903844

Acc. unit's name and seat
Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.

Nad Nuslemi 714/11
140 00 Prague 4

Name of	Activities			
	main	economic		total
	5	6	7	8
I. Total consumed purchases	416	66		482
1. Consumption of materials	359	66		425
2. Energy consumption	57			57
II. Total services	2,042			2,042
8. Miscellaneous services	2,042			2,042
III. Total HR costs	1,155			1,155
9. Wage costs	851			851
10. Legally required social insurance	274			274
12. Legally required social costs	30			30
V. Total miscellaneous costs	697			697
24. Other miscellaneous costs	697			697
VII. Total provided contributions	3,383			3,383
32. Provided contributions	3,383			3,383
Total costs	7,693	66		7,759

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Reg. No.
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Acc. unit's name and seat
Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.

Nad Nuslemi 714/11
140 00 Prague 4

Name of	Activities			
	main	economic		total
	5	6	7	8
I. Total revenues for own performance and goods	680	213		893
2. Revenues for sale of services	680	213		893
IV. Total miscellaneous revenues	3			3
15. Interest	3			3
VI. Total received contributions	6,568			6,568
27. Received contributions	6,568			6,568
Total revenues	7,252	213		7,465
C. Profit/loss before taxes	- 441	147		- 294
D. Profit/loss after taxes	- 441	147		- 294

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Annex to the Financial Statements

DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s.

Annex to the organisation's income tax return for the tax period of 1/1-31/12 2014

Accounting unit's name: DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s.
Reg. No.: 22903844
Registered seat: Nad Nuslemi 714/11, 140 00 Prague 4
File reference: O 1330 registered at the Municipal Court in Prague
Legal form: non-profit organisation
Line of business: 94991 Activities of children's and youth organisations
Date of establishment of the acct. unit: 08/02/2011

Statutory body members' names:
 Michaela Chovancová – Director

Supervisory body members' names:
 Kateřina Nemečková – Supervisory Board Chairperson
 Kateřina Bojtarová – Supervisory Board Member
 Jan Kruntorád – Supervisory Board Member

Description of activities:
 Dejme dětem šanci o.p.s. is a non-state, non-profit organisation (a generally beneficial organisation) represented by its Director, Ms Michaela Chovancová. It was established via the transformation of the non-profit organisation Dejme dětem šanci o.s. The organisation's mission is to ensure complete support for children and young people growing up in orphanages in the Czech Republic. Payment of costs for their study, including related expenses, payment of their costs for medical care, school supplies and other needs, ensuring financial support after they leave the orphanages, assistance with searches for jobs and accommodation, support and development of host care. The activities described above are carried out at the organisation's registered seat.

Number of recounted employees and costs for them for the observed and prior accounting periods.

	monitored accounting period	prior accounting period
Recounted number of employees	3	3
Costs for employees	746,000	643,000

The main sources of revenue are proceeds from held events and revenues from monetary and non-monetary donations from individual and corporate donors.
 Received donations (682): CZK 6,568,404
 Revenues from own shares (602): CZK 893,231

General accounting principles used:

The non-profit organisation conducts accounting and complies with valid legislation for a taxpayer that is a non-profit organisation (Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on income taxes, Decree No. 504/2002 Coll.).

Additional information regarding the balance sheet:

The company records in its accounting as of 31/12/2014:

Detail	monitored accounting period	prior accounting period
Assets		
Material in storage (112)	109,770	62,746
customers not in arrears (311,315)	169,262	total (311,315)
customers up to 30 days in arrears (311,315)	41,900	103,900
provided advances (314 - electricity, gas)	13,694	22,060
cash register (211)	29,206	14,136
bank accounts (221)	2,140,557	2,334,705
NPO (381 - purchase of registrations)	379,000	458,140
Liabilities		
Estimated accounts payable (389 - gas, electricity)	13,694	8,500
suppliers not in arrears (321)	183,439	total (321)
suppliers up to 30 days in arrears	2,556	121,323
other liabilities (325,010 statutory insurance for staff)	555	total (325)
other liabilities (325, forwarded contributions)	1,763,912	2,020,863
employees (331)	90,685	57,425
liabilities for soc. security and health ins. (336)	27,676	23,492
miscellaneous direct taxes (342)	3,760	2,280
deferred revenues (384 - sale of registrations)	397,500	138,100

The organisation owns no property intended for depreciation. The organisation owns minor assets with a value up to CZK 40,000, which after inclusion in use is billed directly into costs for account 501 and maintained in the sub-balance sheet records. The upper limit for fixed tangible assets has been set at CZK 40,000, for intangible assets 60,000.

For the audit of the financial statements, the auditor received CZK 8,000, not including VAT. Besides the audit, the auditor did not provide any other services.

	monitored accounting period	prior accounting period
auditor's remuneration	CZK 8,000, not incl. VAT	CZK 8,000 VAT

Compiled on: 31/03/2015

Statutory representative's signature
 Michaela Chovancová
 (Director)

Auditor's report

**Auditorská zpráva nezávislého auditora pro zakladatele společnosti
DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s.
se sídlem Praha 4, Nad Nuslemi 714/11, PSČ 140 00, IČ 22903844**

Ověřil jsem přiloženou účetní závěrku společnosti DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s., tj. rozvahu k 31.12.2014 a výkaz zisků a ztrát od 1.1.2014 do 31.12.2014 a přílohu této účetní závěrky, včetně popisu použitých významných účetních metod. Údaje o společnosti DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. jsou uvedeny v příloze této účetní závěrky.

Odpovědnost statutárního orgánu společnosti za účetní závěrku:

Za sestavení a věrné zobrazení účetní závěrky v souladu s českými účetními předpisy odpovídá statutární orgán společnosti DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. Součástí této odpovědnosti je navrhnout, zavést a zajistit vnitřní kontroly nad sestavováním a věrným zobrazením účetní závěrky tak, aby neobsahovala významné nesprávnosti způsobené podvodem nebo chybou, zvolit a uplatňovat vhodné účetní metody a provádět dané situací přiměřené odhady.

Odpovědnost auditora:

Mou úlohou je vydat na základě provedeného auditu výrok k této účetní závěrce. Audit jsem provedl v souladu se zákonem o auditorech a Mezinárodními auditorskými standardy a souvisejícími aplikačními doložkami Komory auditorů České republiky. V souladu s těmito předpisy jsem povinen dodržovat etické normy a naplánovat a provést audit tak, aby získal přiměřenou jistotu, že účetní závěrka neobsahuje významné nesprávnosti.

Audit zahrnuje provedení auditorských postupů, jejichž cílem je získat důkazní informace o částkách a skutečnostech uvedených v účetní závěrce. Výběr auditorských postupů závisí na úsudku auditora, včetně posouzení rizik, že účetní závěrka obsahuje významné nesprávnosti způsobené podvodem nebo chybou. Při posuzování těchto rizik auditor přihlídně k vnitřním kontrolám, které jsou relevantní pro sestavení a věrné zobrazení účetní závěrky. Cílem posouzení vnitřních kontrol je navrhnout vhodné auditorské postupy, nikoli vyjádřit se k účinnosti vnitřních kontrol. Audit též zahrnuje posouzení vhodnosti použitých účetních metod, přiměřenosti účetních odhadů provedených vedením i posouzení celkové prezentace účetní závěrky. Domnívám se, že získané důkazní informace tvoří dostatečný a vhodný vyjádření mého výroku.

Výrok auditora k účetní závěrce:

Podle mého názoru účetní závěrka podává věrný a poctivý obraz aktiv, pasiv a finanční situace společnosti DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. k 31.12.2014 a nákladů, výnosů a výsledku jejího hospodaření za rok 2014 v souladu s českými účetními předpisy.

V Praze dne 31. března 2015

Odpovědný auditor: Ing. Rudolf Hanusek, oprávnění č. 1635
Lessnerova 270, 109 00 Praha 10 – Petřovice



**Independent Auditor's report for the founders of
DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s.,
a non-profit organisation with its registered seat at Prague 4, Nad Nuslemi 714/11,
postal code 140 00, ID No.: 22903844**

I have verified the attached financial statements of DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s., i.e. the balance sheet as at 31st December 2014 and the Profit and Loss Account from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014 and the notes to the financial statements, including the description of the used accounting methods. The details regarding DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. are specified in an annex to the financial statements.

Statutory body's responsibility for the financial statements:

The statutory body of DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. is responsible for ensuring trustworthy financial statements in accordance with Czech Accounting Principles. This responsibility includes proposing, implementing and ensuring the internal verification of compiled data and a trustworthy reflection of the organisation's accounting, so that the financial statements do not contain any major inaccuracies caused by fraud or error, to select and apply appropriate accounting methods and to make estimates that are reasonable with regard to the situation.

Auditor's responsibility:

My responsibility is to issue a statement regarding the financial statements based on a conducted audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and International Auditing Standards and related applicable clauses of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. In accordance with these regulations, I am required to follow ethical standards and to plan and conduct the audit in a manner that provides me with a reasonable assurance that the financial statements do not contain major inaccuracies.

The audit includes performance of auditing procedures for the purpose of obtaining evidence of the amounts and details specified in the financial statement. The selection of auditing approaches is at the auditor's discretion, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may contain major inaccuracies caused by fraud or error. When assessing these risks, the auditor takes into consideration internal verification procedures that are relevant for compiling the financial statements and for their accuracy. The aim of assessing the internal verification procedures is to propose appropriate auditing approaches, not to comment regarding the effectiveness of such internal verification procedures. The audit also contains an assessment of the appropriateness of the used accounting methods, of the extent to which the accounting estimates by the management are reasonable and of the overall presentation of the financial statements. I believe that the evidence obtained enables me to express my remarks sufficiently and favourably.

Auditor's remark regarding the financial statements:

In my opinion, the financial statements give a reliable and honest reflection of the assets, liabilities and financial situation of DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. as of 31 December 2014 and of costs, revenues and economic results for 2014 in accordance with Czech accounting principles.

In Prague, dated 31st March 2015

Responsible auditor: Ing. Rudolf Hanusek, authorisation no. 1635
Lessnerova 270, 109 00 Prague 10 – Petřovice

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Permanent facility – office: Kutnohorská 309/84 ID No.: 683 63 532
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Donations received in 2014

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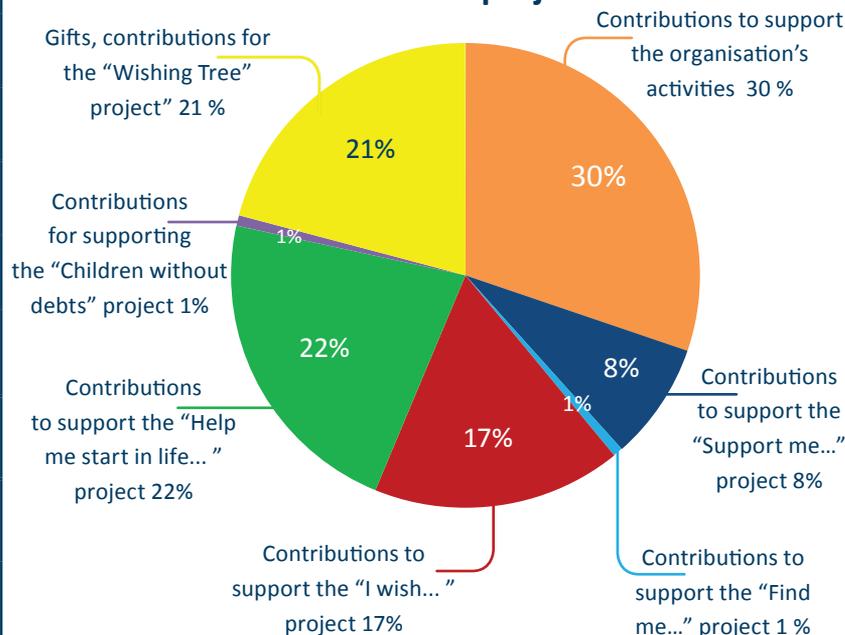
Each project has its own bank account, and the operating account is kept separately and is used to cover most costs for administration of individual projects.

We appreciate all gifts, but because we are limited in space we are mentioning by name only gifts worth more than CZK 10,000, inclusive. Since many donors contribute in various categories, we are providing the total amount of individual donors' gifts. The gifts are ranked alphabetically. We will separately present sums of gifts in individual categories. We divide individual gifts into financial and material fulfilment categories.

Total amount of gifts and contributions to DDŠ

Gifts and contributions to support	Financial contributions	Material fulfilment	TOTAL
the organisation	1 854 380	88 239	1 942 619
the "Support me..." project	516 680		522 780
the "Find me..." project	43 229		43 229
the "I wish..." s project	695 574	408 420	1 103 994
the "Help me starts in life..." project	959 620	462 286	1 421 906
the "Children without debts" project	46 576		46 576
the "Wishing Tree"	1 313 870	23 870	1 337 740
TOTAL	5 429 929	982 815	6 412 744

Contributions to support activities and individual projects



List of donors in 2014

Donor	Finanacial Contribution	Material Fulfilment in CZK
Alexa Lukáš	12 506	
Babišová Monika	56 000	
Balážová Eva	10 000	
Bergman Patrik	24 770	
BiiGood, s.r.o.	55 080	
Blažková Silvie	10 060	
BPA sport marketing a.s.	106 460	
Burza cenných papírů Praha a.s.	58 000	
Cip Vladimír	11 000	
Čechovský Marek	17 000	
Černý Jiří	100 000	
České Radiokomunikace a.s.	146 520	
Daníška Michal	15 000	
Daytner Lori	10 000	
DBK PARTNERS advokátní kancelář	200 000	
Doležal Tomáš	15 000	
Donátová Miloslava	25 000	
Drdlová Hana		15 000
Eben Marek	10 000	
ELECTROLUX, s.r.o.	300 000	
Emco spol. s r.o.	27 000	23 000
Esthé, a.s.	25 000	
Exekutorský úřad Brno-město	10 000	
Firma na zážitky s.r.o.	40 600	
FOR DREAMS, o.s.	51 950	
Fučík Martin	11 200	
Gallová Tereza		15 000
GEPARD FINANCE a.s.	300 000	

Donor	Finanacial Contribution	Material Fulfilment in CZK
Gondíci s.r.o.		40 000
Grant Thornton Advisory s.r.o.	10 000	
Groupe SEB ČR s.r.o.		90 000
H.R.G. spol.s r.o.	11 979	
Hamlet Production, a.s.		63 890
Hejná Olga	12 818	
Horák Martin	20 000	
Horák Vedlich Renata Sarah	10 000	
Chocholoušek Martin	15 706	
I.P.R. Real Estate s.r.o.	10 000	
Ideal Standard s.r.o.		12 000
KA Consult, s.r.o.		156 850
Kašák Adam		26 700
Knybel Petr	11 040	
Kohout Richard	10 000	
Kořan Petr	11 228	
Krása Michal	4 755	28 800
Krejčová Jarmila	23 351	
Kreplová Nela	10 361	
Křížek Miroslav	30 000	
Kučera Pavel	14 088	
LADEEPHARMA CZECH s.r.o.	15 000	
Lyciano Group s.r.o.	50 000	
MADETA a.s.	77 218	
Mandík Ladislav	38 268	
Marcinko Mikuláš		38 350
Nadace Agrofert Holding	149 000	
Nadace ČEZ	56 000	

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Nadace Naše dítě	85 000	
Nadační fond AVAST	50 000	
Nadační fond J&T	43 229	
Netoušková Ivana	11 010	
Novák Oldřich	20 271	
NOVARTIS s.r.o.	95 000	
Novotný Rostislav	14 500	
Nový Kamil	14 263	
NUOVA, s.r.o.		13 235
NWT a.s.		23 872
Odstrčilová Denisa	12 000	
Odvárko Roman	10 000	
Ondrejka Peter	10 000	
PASSERINVEST GROUP, a.s.	10 000	
Pekas Handmade s.r.o.	31 300	
Periscope Skandinávie s.r.o.	15 000	
Pětivoký Tomáš	10 000	
Pleskač Tomáš	25 000	
Pospíchalová Ditta	14 942	
Profnit, s.r.o.	222 222	
PROINOX Bohemia s.r.o.	20 290	
PROMEX spol. s r.o.	10 000	
Prüger Julius	27 000	
Rakovský Libor	29 956	
Randa Lukáš	30 000	
Rosinter Czech Republic s.r.o.	59 500	13 984
Roštlapilová Zuzana	11 100	

Donor	Finanacial Contribution	Material Fulfilment in CZK
SCANIA CZECH REPUBLIC, s.r.o.	13 000	
Schmidt Degn Andreas	20 000	
Siegl Petr	50 000	
SIKO KOUPELNY a.s.	10 000	
SILEX spol. s.r.o.	499	164 532
Spoustová Olga	17 027	
Střílek Eduard	11 963	
Šimková Olga	10 490	
Špotáková Barbora	53 500	
Tatrová Petra	13 189	
TESing TP komplet s.r.o.	20 000	
T-Šperky, s.r.o.		25 000
Tyblová Michaela	14 067	
U.T.C., spol. s r.o.		50 675
V&V Taxes s.r.o.	38 000	
Vaňková Marina	12 439	10 000
Vaňková Markéta	12 000	
Vaše DEDRA, s.r.o.		106 860
VCES a.s.	40 000	
VEBA, textilní závody a.s.	19 000	
VINICARS s.r.o.	20 000	
Vodáková Iva	24 000	
Vosková Monika	10 000	
Washina Engineering s.r.o.	28 800	
zaměstnanci EMCO spol. s r.o.	10 432	
zaměstnanci firmy Armando Hospitality	10 000	
Zlámáliková Martina	11 525	

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Thanks for support and help to

- **all patrons of DDŠ** for associating your names with our organisation, for your personal approach and for supporting our activities, including in the media.
- **Doc. MUDr. Jan Měšťák, CSc.** for support during his 70th birthday celebration. We truly appreciate that you thought of us on a special day.
- **Bára Špotáková** for financial support and good company at the weekend stay with the DDŠ team.
- members of the advisory committee of **PhDr. Ivan Skalík, Ph.D.** and to **Mgr. Bohumila Vokáčová** for her help preparing the weekends for children and hosts and for their participation.
- **Barbora Stejskalová, Rostye Gordon-Smith, Alena Vlachová Regina Řandová, Marcela Hrubošová, Vlád' a Hron, Miroslav Křížek, Norbert Bidman,**
- **Jan Brůžek** and lecturers from **McKinsey & Company** and **Student Agency** for conducting seminars at the weekend meeting with children without demanding pay.
- **BB Partner** for ensuring printing of most of our promotional materials free of charge since our beginnings.
- **JCDecaux Group** for providing free advertising spaces for our advertising campaign.
- **all purchasers of promotional items or New Year's cards.** Thanks to you, we are able at least partially to fund our activities.
- **MUDr. Alice Tomková**, organiser of "Baking for Children", who in 2014 repeatedly allowed us to participate in the project.
- **Míša Kuklová, Nela Boudová, Eliška Kaplicky, Markéta Častvaj Plánková, Monika Absolonová, Tomáš Hudeček, Tomáš Savka** and our patrons **Lucie Benešová** and **Vladimír Hron** for their participation and help.
- **Mr. Vít Müller** from **Caffé Milani** for providing a coffee machine and donating coffee and tea and mainly for operating the machine at most events.
- **Tereza Kostková** for moderating the Benefit Evening of DDŠ free of charge.
- The music group **Hamletí** and members **Dalibor Gondík, Aleš Háma, Jakub Wehrenberg** and **Hardy Marzuki** for performing at the Benefit Evening, again without pay.
- **The management of the Palace Theatre and especially Michaela Raková** for repeatedly providing the theatre spaces for an affordable price and for her helpful approach.
- **The Ambiente restaurant group** for refreshments for guests at the Benefit Evening. Pizza Nuova restaurant also provided lunch to the children during the weekend stays.
- **Petra Večerková** for her personal efforts and the e-shop **Patro.CZ**, which she heads, for great cooperation on the "Wishing Tree" project.
- **Miriam Janyšková** for her repeated support of children included in the "Support me..." project via the **Charitky project.**
- **Ing. Ottomar Gottstein**, owner of the Gepard finance franchise from Písek, for his repeated financial support and promotion of DDŠ activities among contacts.
- **RWE Česká republika** which has repeatedly supported us via the Naše dítě Foundation.
- **Patrik Bém** for his support for children in the "Support me..." project with the proceeds from the 2nd annual **Prague Barefoot Run.**
- **T.G.I. Friday's** not only for their financial support, but also for providing lunch for the children in the Scholarship Programme and their accompaniment.
- **Marta Krásová and Michal Krása** for offering the weekend accommodation in their **Penzion 15** inn for children from three cooperating children's homes during advent.
- **The Kalich Theatre** for repeatedly providing free tickets to performances for children from cooperating children's homes.
- **Daniela Hodaňová**, who since our activities began takes in "our" children at summer camps for free.
- **Pavel Vacek**, who provided us with free accommodation at the scenic Šidlákov farm.
- Everyone, including companies, who support us by buying registrations for the Prague Marathon and regional half-marathons through us.
- **All volunteers**, who have helped us wrap Christmas presents for children as part of the "Wishing Tree" project.
- **Volunteers from Profinit** for extraordinary efforts despite bad weather during the "Gingerbread for Starting packages" event.
- **Volunteers from Senator Travel** for their help at the National Theatre Piazza event.
- **Marek Hammerschmied** from **Boomerang Publishing** for ad space in Review Magazine, the in-flight bimonthly of Czech Airlines
- **Office Depot** for providing office supplies at affordable prices.
- **The Charles University Law Faculty** for providing free space for DDŠ runners at the Prague Half-marathon.
- **Antonín Miloschewitsch** and **AQUARA** for providing free water to children during the weekend meetings and for runners.
- **Ms Krystyna Koubíková** and the **MADI Agency**, which lends furniture for our events only for transport costs.

Fulfilment for children in individual children's homes 2014

Children's Homes	Total number of children as of 31/12/2014	Total number of children included in projects as of 31/12/2014 (actively)	PBS Wish fulfilment in 2014 (quantity)	PBS Wishes in value CZK (in 2014)	PBS Wishes in value total in CZK	PM Number of supported children	PM Total savings in CZK (in 2014)	PM Total savings in CZK	PM Paid to children after leaving children's home in 2014	SP PMŽ Paid in school years 2012/2013–2013/2014	SP PMŽ Pledged amount in CZK for 2014/2015	Photography contest financial prize + voucher	Starting package in 2014 1 piece in value	Wishing Tree 2014 in CZK	
1	Dol. Počernice	21	11	5	14,700	92,640	10	49,300	84,400	3,200	32,800	50,000	0	14,774	83,328
2	RADOST	12	9	4	52,600	162,445	2	1,800	1,800	0	0	50,000	0	0	18,645
3	Nechanice	12	6	1	10,000	94,500	0	0	66,000	0	0	0	4,352	0	26,410
4	DOMINO Plzeň	47	19	15	64,700	183,660	11	62,550	129,150	0	232,169	143,840	4,352	0	70,236
5	Unhošť	14	5	1	8,980	42,470	5	35,880	43,280	7,800	0	0	0	0	26,254
6	Lety	32	16	13	50,750	79,090	5	13,880	13,880	0	0	0	0	0	27,808
7	Moravská Třebová	24	8	10	32,990	141,010	6	36,950	29,200	25,450	57,478	37,000	0	14,774	11,663
8	Dolní Čermná	35	15	4	25,400	155,278	10	41,450	83,700	0	174,307	158,600	0	0	57,513
	Horní Čermná	6	0	0	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	Lichnov	21	15	7	31,390	86,610	11	94,220	144,920	0	87,995	84,720	4,352	0	28,147
10	Frydek - Místek	32	10	3	29,700	137,400	4	20,400	55,350		23,499	12,000	4,352	0	48,803
11	Hora Sv. Kateřiny	29	14	8	41,340	168,955	8	27,700	67,590	3,800	161,805	165,000	0	14,774	41,487
12	Žatec	15	3	4	22,990	89,985	1	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	118,685
13	Kašperské Hory	26	12	5	16,300	42,300	5	22,400	55,880	0	43,968	51,000	0	48,375	67,966
14	Jemnice	19	7	8	60,400	149,219	4	6,400	26,100	7,281	0	0	0	0	30,777
15	Ústí nad Labem	17	7	3	27,500	37,381	2	8,400	150,200	0	0	0	0	29,548	89,824
16	Plumlov	12	4	2	15,000	55,400	2	15,000	26,050	0	0	17,000	0	14,774	13,964
17	Kroměříž	23	5	2	32,120	104,620	2	6,000	19,315	0	86,868	50,000	0	0	51,641
18	Tišnov	18	8	8	26,550	113,280	4	10,600	15,600	0	0	0	0	0	30,684
19	Most	18	6	20	76,840	96,292	3	1,400	13,580		8,810	7,000	0	0	26,788
20	Písek	8	1	0	0	24,490	1	0	0	7,480	0	0	0	0	37,037
21	Česká Lípa	21	12	8	52,775	142,074	2	3,600	15,500	0	61,909	84,120	4,352	14,774	64,025
22	Mariánské Lázně	14	8	4	11,500	56,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,774	20,524
23	Vizovice	15	1	13	70,900	110,500	0	0	0	0	48,557	50,000	0	0	18,107
24	Senožaty	16	3	9	22,300	69,110	2	6,300	5,000	6,300	0	50,000	0	0	51,911
25	Nová ves	32	7	8	31,390	64,780	1	3,000	6,000	0	0	0	0	44,322	62,009
26	Tachov	30	14	19	84,360	128,600	6	25,500	34,900	0	0	30,500	0	0	41,699
27	Lipová u Šluknova	7	0	7	39,630	39,630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,548	57,311
28	Jeseník	7	3	4	2,000	2,000	2	11,400	11,400	0	0	0	0	0	19,121
29	Boršov	9	8	5	22,150	22,150	2	550	550	0	0	7,000	0	0	38,588
30	Fulnek	19	6	15	37,590	37,590	2	12,000	12,000	0	0	11,520	0	0	16,233
31	Racek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52,501
		611	243	215	1,014,845	2,739,159	113	516,680	1,111,945	61,311	1,020,165	1,059,300	21,760	240,437	1,349,689

Explanations: DD – children's home, PBS – "I wish..." project, PM – "Support me..." project, SP PMŽ – "Scholarship programme" within the project "Help me start in life...", Starting package – basic furnishings for children leaving children's homes. In the 2013/2014 school year a Starting package was worth CZK 14,774, in the 2014/2015 school year CZK 18,827.

The total for direct support of children for 2014 is CZK 3,792,253.

Provided fulfilment to children in 2014 and for the duration of DDŠ's activities

As of 31 December 2014, a total of **243 children** were involved in ongoing projects.
The total for direct support of children for 2014 is CZK 3,792,253.

**In just under 4 years, we have supported more than 2,500 specific children
with nearly CZK 8.5 million!**

In 2014, as part of the **"I wish..."** project, we fulfilled 215 justified wishes of children worth CZK 1,014,845.
From our start until 31 December 2014 we fulfilled **571 wishes** in a total of CZK 2,739,159.

The amount saved for children in the **"Support me..."** project for 2014 is CZK 516,680.
As of 31 December 2014 thanks to the project in total **113 children** have been supported with CZK 1,111,945.

In the 3rd annual Scholarship Programme for **2014/2015**, we pledged to support **32 children** with CZK 1,059,300.
In the last 2 years of the Scholarship Programme of the **"Help me start in life..."** programme, **29 children** were supported with a total amount of CZK 1,020,165.

Within the **"Help me start in life..."** programme, in 2014 we issued children **16 Starting packages** worth a total of CZK 240,437.
A total of **35 Starting packages** were issued with household furnishings worth CZK 479,779.

In 2014, we gave the winners of the photography contest awards worth CZK 21,760.
In total we've already paid children in contests awards in the total amount of CZK 119,462.

3rd annual internet project "Wishing Tree" fulfilled **1,041 Christmas wishes** of children for a total of CZK 1,349,689.
In total for three years, we have fulfilled the wishes of **2,533 children** for CZK 2,842,861!

In the **"Children without debts"** project, we have got **2 children** out of debt totalling CZK 2,869.

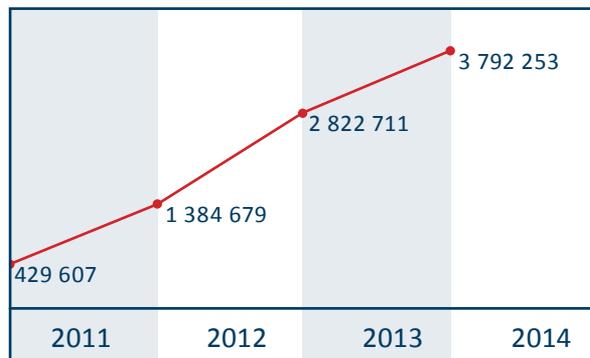
Here we are presenting only amounts related to direct financial support of children. They are also specified in the table on the previous page. As part of our main activities for children beyond just direct financial support we also arrange weekend stays, we visit children's homes, we organise seminars for potential hosts, we help children find jobs and housing, we provide individual consultations, and we carry out many other activities not specified here.

Provided fulfilment to children in 2014 and for the duration of DDŠ's activities

Provided fulfilment for children in specific years

Year	Amount of Support	Increase in %
2011	429 607	
2012	1 384 679	322 %
2013	2 822 711	204 %
2014	3 792 253	134 %

Total support of children



On the previous pages, we've presented amounts of support for children not only during 2014, but for the duration of our activities. In the table you will find fulfilment in individual children's homes. The table does not mention support in the "Children without debts" project, which is counted in the total support. This is because in that project we also support children from non-partnering children's homes.

Both individual and corporate donors support children.

100 % of Funds donated to specific children based on their VS payment references to individual project accounts are used to support those children.

Public collection

The costs connected to financing of projects for children are financed from fundraising campaigns, which we commenced on 20 May 2013 after the statutory lapse of 2 years following the beginning of our activities.

The fundraising account is held at Raiffeisenbank a.s., Olbrachtova 2006/9, Prague 4, acct. no. CZ 2755 0000 0000 6072 121060.

Not only can individuals contribute to the fundraising account, but funds are also sent to it from held fundraising events.

Funds are also credited via donation text messages, which donors have been able to send since 1st July 2013. For each text message with the text **DMS DDS** sent to **87 777**, DDŠ receives CZK 28.50. The price of one text message is CZK 30. The project is guaranteed by the the Donor Forum. More information can be found at www.darcovskasms.cz

In 2014 via donation text messages, we raised **CZK 62,671**.

Contributions sent to the public collection account totalled **CZK 86,289**.

References from cooperating children's homes

Children's Home
Palackého 191/101, 353 01 Mariánské Lázně

Michaela Chovancová
Dejme dětem šanci o.p.s.
Nad Nuslemi 11
140 00 Prague 4

Your reference/dated	Our reference	Handled by/ext.	Mariánské Lázně
		Dudarcová	20 May 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to your non-profit organisation for its cooperation with our children's home. I above all appreciate your professional approach and your knowledge of the conditions and environments in children's homes. All of the projects are prepared rationally and are custom tailored to the children's needs, and the funds from sponsors certainly will not go to waste. We often encounter nonsensical projects and offers, but DDŠ has well prepared and effective projects.

The cooperation with all members of your organization is excellent, and their approach and attitudes are truly "powerful" in a positive way. We appreciate the support, help and interest from your organisation and all sponsors.

On behalf of the management, staff and children from the children's home, I sincerely thank you for your activities and look forward to further cooperation.

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Mgr. Ivana Dudarcová
Children's Home Director

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Cooperation with Dejme dětem šanci, o.p.s.

We have been working with Dejme dětem šanci for several years now, and every year has been better than the last! Allow me to make a few remarks and summarise.

First of all, we very much appreciate that the organisation is involved with children's homes. This task is not easy, in fact it is rather bold, considering it is easier to join the majority and criticise the institutional raising of children. But, I believe that the women from DDŠ draw mainly from their own experience when they visit our facilities and see that the children in children's homes are not suffering, but rather the opposite is true. This holds true despite all of the statements by "experts" in the media.

Second, I am not afraid to say that the cooperation mainly benefits our children and our facilities. Targeted projects and programmes supporting children are focused on their personal development, and such activities would be difficult for us to pay for from our own operating resources. Furthermore, most of the time the children gain experience, which after leaving the children's home helps them to better apply that experience on the labour market, such as driving licences, knowledge from scholarship programmes, etc.

Third, one-time activities, such as ensuring Christmas gifts for children, is absolutely non-burdensome and takes virtually no work, but is very effective for the children. We greatly appreciate this approach, in which without the need for complicated registrations or unnecessary completion of web forms and similar formalities we simply send greetings and pick up presents. How simple!

Fourth, fifth...

Thank you very much for your highly appreciated cooperation.

Mgr. Radim Kratochvíl
Director of the Plumlov Children's Home and Canteen

DOMINO Children's Home, Plzeň
VOJANOVA 22, 318 00 Plzeň

Plzeň, 12 June 2014

Dear Madame Director, Dear Friends,

We and the children are delighted that the non-profit organisation Dejme dětem šanci presented us with the chance for cooperation a few years ago.

Following that have been the years of your concerted efforts and support, years involving the overcoming of obstacles and years when children's dreams and wishes were fulfilled.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support and crucial assistance to children both from our children's home and others. I would especially like to thank everyone – your colleagues, patrons, sponsors, donors, friends, etc. – who have been able to help those in need.

In particular, we appreciate the support of children who are studying and have been included in the Scholarship Programme as part of the "Help me start in life..." project.

Thanks to you some children have found new starting points for their lives, have established new friendships and visit their families. They are living their lives in ways similar to their friends who are lucky enough to live with their fathers, mothers, grandmas or grandpas.

On behalf of our children and for myself and my colleagues, I wish you many more successful years, lots of energy and enthusiasm and to all of you plenty of joy from our children.

On behalf of everyone from the Domino Children's Home in Plzeň,

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Nada Erbová, Director

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Thoughts about DDŠ's activities:

When I think about the activities of the non-profit organisation Dejme dětem šanci, it first occurs to me that I should extend my thanks. And I don't think that I would be thanking the organisation on my own behalf or on behalf of the other adults in the children's home, but that the main thanks would emanate from our children (although some of them are no longer children). Inclusion in the scholarship programme is a true motivation for them. For them it represents not only financial and material support during studies, but along with that it provides particular certainty that other people have been found who are not indifferent to the children's fate having become their friends and mentors. I think that the greatest joy for both sides comes from trips together with a genre-based rich programme.

The fact that this friendship and interest last even after the children leave the children's home serves as evidence that the bonds are truly very strong and the interest is deep. I think that thanks to Ditta Pospíchalová, Lukáš in Prague found not only a feeling of home, but of solidarity as well. And the fact that he goes for coffee and chats is the best kind of support for him. I know from experience that leaving the community of a children's home can be connected to a feeling of loneliness and disorientation in life. And all of the women around Ditta and Michaela are getting involved in this critical phase of the young people's lives and helping them with their first steps. They are the ones continuing our work, and we feel both joy and relief. Finally someone is doing it as well as we imagined they would. Thanks.

Mgr. Martina Stawiarzová
Children's Home and Canteen
at Hora Svaté Kateřiny
Dolní 310, 435 46
Tel.: 476 113 161

Cooperation offer for corporate partners

The financing of DDŠ's activities is based mainly on support in the form of corporate donations. Without your support we couldn't help the children. We aim to offer companies various forms of cooperation so that each can choose one that suits them.

We offer cooperation with an established progressive non-profit organisation providing complete assistance to specific children and young people from Czech children's homes, which is:

- professional and reliable
- as transparent as possible
- financed exclusively from individual and corporate donors
- operating costs for the organisation's running are partially paid through self-financing
- cooperating with known individuals
- with a regularly updated website in two versions, Czech and English

What you can expect from cooperation:

- improvement of your company's social status
- mutual promotion of cooperation
- the opportunity to hold joint events
- the opportunity to involve the company's staff (volunteers, lecturers, matching fund)
- the partner's representative's participation in the DDŠ Supervisory Board (depending on the extent of cooperation)

Who we are seeking:

- a partner with whose help we can further expand our activities
- a stable partner for long-term cooperation
- a trustworthy partner, in cooperation with whom we will earn even more public credibility
- a partner interested in the particular issues

Our aim is to establish long-term mutually beneficial cooperation with corporate donors based on mutual trust.

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DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI o.p.s. Vám nabízí
REKLAMNÍ PŘEDMĚTY
denní potřeby, jejichž prostřednictvím můžete
vkusným způsobem deklarovat Vaši
společenskou zodpovědnost

Díky Vám se o nás dozví mnoho lidí z řad Vašich klientů a partnerů,
kteří se mohou stát Podporovateli dětí!!! Prodej reklamních předmětů
je formou samofinancování organizace DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI.

Každý předmět je opatřen: logem společnosti, která předmět objednává, nápisem: "Pomáháme dětem s" a logem neziskové organizace DEJME DĚTEM ŠANCI

So we are not entirely dependent on donations, we try to cover the costs for running the organisation at least partially through self-financing.

One form of self-financing is the sale of promotional items. We offer not only DDŠ promotional items, but also items with designs based on a particular company's specifications. These can include everyday supplies (pens, notepads, flash disks, etc.), New Year's cards and gifts for business partners. Purchasing of promotional items is based on invoice, which is a full cost item for the company.

Another way to obtain funds for operating costs is by holding various events during the year. These can include various sales events, which can even involve employees of cooperating companies serving as volunteers, auctions mostly in cooperation with known personalities with whom DDŠ works and themed events which correspond to the organisations individual projects. Presentation of the partnering company is possible at the event location. Events are mostly participated in by the organisation's patrons or other famous persons with whom DDŠ cooperates.

Holding of events and the sale of promotional items, besides having a financial benefit, also help with our visibility. The more people who find out about DDŠ, the more they can get involved in supporting children!

We would like to thank all of the companies that have supported us by buying promotional items. This is a very important form of support for us!

Myths and misconceptions about children in children's homes

One of the main objectives of DDŠ is to increase awareness through media about problems facing children in children's homes. We realise well that very little information gets to the public and that it is usually biased. Therefore, we have prepared a list of the biggest mistakes and myths regarding children from children's homes that are spread. It may surprise you...

1. Most children living in children's homes are orphans

There are few orphans in these children's homes. Most of the children living in children's homes have been removed from their biological families by court order and maintain contact with their families, though it is sporadic. The children's parents are unable or unwilling to care for them and can neither ensure their needs nor emotional support. In most cases there is absolute anarchy in these families, no one has any responsibilities, no one raises the children, and no role models for behaviour exist for the children. In some cases the parents even torment or abuse their children.

2. Children's homes are like boarding schools, where children live in shared spaces with little privacy

In the Czech Republic we have a family type of children's homes. What does that mean in practice? Children are divided into family groups, "small families". A small family can have a maximum of 8 members and includes children of both genders and different ages, and groups of siblings are emphasised. Each small family in a children's home often not only uses the children's home's regular premises but also its own residential unit, consisting of children's rooms, rooms for aunts and uncles, a living room, a kitchen with a dining area and sanitary facilities. It is basically a 4+5+1 flat. In each small family, aunts and uncles care for the children. Each small family functions as a separate unit that manages an assigned budget. A family's children clean the premises with the help of aunts' and uncles' who wash laundry, and to a lesser extent ensure meals.

3. Children in children's homes don't know what an unpeeled potato or a loaf of bread look like

This is probably the most widespread myth. Children in children's homes at least partially participate in buying and cooking in their family groups. In some locations the families cook only on weekends, elsewhere every evening, and in some places shared dining areas have been eliminated. Most of the children are involved in joint shopping. There is often a problem in children's homes in smaller towns, where due to less competition the prices in local shops are higher than in big cities. In these cases children's homes for financial reasons often shop in urban supermarkets or retail outlets. But each child knows what foods look like in their original form.

4. Most children in children's homes are ethnically Roma

About 30% of children in children's homes are Roma. Of course this varies by region, but children of the ethnic majority dominate.

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5. Children in children's homes are poor children who are grateful for anything

The furnishings of individual children's homes vary, but generally in terms of material children in children's homes don't suffer, and their living standard is comparable with that of children in regular families, and in some cases even better. Rooms are usually shared by 2 or maximum of 3, but it is not exceptional for older children who study to have their own rooms. Most children are well and stylishly dressed, but that doesn't mean that they all have the latest brands of clothing. It varies from one children's home to another. Understandably a role is played by the children's home's location and its attractiveness for sponsors. Children in children's homes certainly don't expect old torn clothing or dirty broken toys, which people often take to children's homes thinking it will make the children happy.

6. Children in children's homes are spoiled brats who basically don't need anything

Although the material furnishings of most children's homes are very decent, it doesn't mean that the children do not need anything! Clothing, toys and other items are obtained based on the children's ages and actual needs, but children can rarely choose what they really want. The children have most things assigned to them without a choice. We often hear statements like: "We met some children from a children's home and most had Adidas sweat suits, so they don't lack anything." Do not be fooled! If the children have branded clothes, it's usually because a sponsor decided to donate to a specific children's home. Children often wear branded clothes, but the kinds they really don't care for, in colours they don't like and often in the wrong size. Not everything is as it may seem. It would be very foolish to envy children who have to spend their childhood in a children's home for their supposedly great living standard. Most of the children certainly would prefer growing up with their parents, being taken care of and loved by them. They did not choose their situation, and they cannot influence it either. The living situation that most children in children's homes are used to could actually complicate their lives in the future, because after ending up on their own they cannot achieve such a level independently.

7. Children in children's homes mostly appreciate "stuffed animals"

Most children's homes have so many stuffed toys that they could sell them. The average age of children entering children's homes is rising, and so you shouldn't be surprised that if you take two sacks of stuffed animals to a children's home where the youngest child is 14 years old no one appreciates them. **Good advice: If you want to help someone effectively, there's no better way than to ask what he really needs. Unsolicited help usually disappoints both sides. It will not help the needy, and the donor will be disappointed, since the help won't be appreciated enough.**

8. Only women take care of children in children's homes

It is true that there are fewer men than women working in the education sector. But we can find a couple of them in each children's home. Men also serve as directors in many children's homes. We even know of children's homes with "an uncle" in each family. When you look at how many children grow up in regular families with only their mothers the shortage of men may seem alarming. But that of course does not mean that men are generally lacking, whether it is in children's homes or families. It is important for all children to be able to observe and recognise male and female behaviour.

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9. Children in children's homes live there from birth to adulthood

There are few such children in children's homes. Many children from these children's homes can eventually be returned to their biological families or foster parents. The average age of children entering children's homes has been rising year on year. Most children are taken from their biological families at an older age. The average length of a children's stay in a children's home is 4 years! **It may surprise you** that some children come to children's homes at their own request. These are usually older children who realise that their parents cannot care for them adequately, ensure basic living needs or ensure ideal conditions for study. Such children often contact social workers on their own and ask to be placed in a children's home, because they realise that they will be provided with shelter and a chance to finish studies.

10. Children in children's homes wait crying by the fence, because no one is coming for them

We cooperate with 31 children's homes in all regions of the Czech Republic, and not once have we seen crying children by a fence. The aunts and uncles usually take good care of the children, but that doesn't mean that the children do not suffer. Most of them want to live in families, most often with their biological parents, who, however, don't care for them and repeatedly disappoint or even reject them. The children unfortunately often admire their parents, which is a form of defence. It is "easier" to look for excuses and explanations than to admit that their biological parents don't want them. It can be stated generally that children fare much better in children's homes than in dysfunctional families, from which most have been removed at the request of social workers and based on court orders.

11. Children's homes will close

Paradoxically, this claim does the most harm to children living in children's homes. When someone finds out from the media that children's homes will close he logically concludes that it makes no sense to help the children there. We don't currently have any alternative way to help children who cannot grow up with their biological families. There are not enough people interested in providing foster care, and the percentage of children returning from foster care is very high. During debates about foster care the ages of children needs to be distinguished, but this is not done. People usually imagine a small, adorable crying toddler longing for her mother. Few imagine a 15-year-old who smokes and is in a psychologically deprived situation that he did not choose. Most of the children in children's homes fit that profile. That doesn't mean they are bad! Becoming a foster parent is not easy, and everyone considering it should consider all the pros and cons and try to become as informed about the option as possible. But that will not protect him from surprise or even disappointment. And the children will suffer as a result! But we are not trying to discourage you from foster adoption. Everything needs to be done to ensure that the life-changing decision to become a foster parent for a child, who has already had many unpleasant experiences that they would discourage even strong mature adults, will really benefit everyone. It also should be mentioned that older children usually don't desire long-term inclusion in a foster family. They don't want to leave the environment they are used to. They don't want to lose their friends, and they worry that by entering foster care they would harm their real parents. An individual approach needs to be taken for each child! So why not admit that two variants can exist side by side, children's homes and foster care, without supporters of one form or another of caring for the children, being divided into opposing sides.

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