

2017 Annual Report of Villa Vallila, registered institution



Motto of the Community Life:

And I am not saying this so that others may get off free, while the weight comes on you: But so that things may be equal; that from those things of which you have more than enough at the present time their need may be helped, and that if you are in any need they may be a help to you in the same way, making things equal.

As it says in the Writings, He who had taken up much had nothing over and he who had little had enough.

2 Corinthians 8, 13 – 15

Introduction:

The community Villa Vallila exists in the Czech Republic since 2001. It was founded as a home for young people, who could not live on their own because of their health or social impairment. Since the beginning, we were inspired by Jean Vanier (l'Arche) and we tried to create a community of people with handicaps or without (assistants), where mutual relations and trust were the supporting pillars of the common life.

Today, ten people with various adaptable problems live in Villa Vallila and together with assistants, they form the basic community. We consider provision of social services in the form of a vital community as a unique way of adequate life for people with handicaps and also a very precious alternative to current forms of social services in our country.

We try hard to work on innovative programs each year which ensure both healthy run of the whole organization and protection of a precious culture monument. It was a restoration of a relief of František Bílek "How Time Carves Us Wrinkles" this year. The Ministry of Culture and village Červený Újezd contributed to the repair expenses. Restoration work are realized by restorer Klára Žán Valentová.

The main afford is directed to forming of the community in the manner of L'Arche communities. A big support on this way are community weekends organized by Markéta. And then there are new inhabitants, friends lent a horse to us, we revive a forgotten barn, repair and create many things in the social-therapeutic workshop, an apartment for visitors is still occupied...

Main Events and Themes in 2017

- **Admission of new inhabitants in the community house**
- **A new addition in the farm – horse**
- **Opening, cleaning and putting into operation of the barn**
- **Stay in Polish L'Arche communities**
- **Garden party in September was nice again**
- **New work programs were created in the social-therapeutic workshop – e.g., old chairs were renovated; there is high demand for them and it is interesting and meaningful work for Villa's inhabitants**
- **Many new applicants for the respite stays came**
- **We participated on many presentation events and markets again**
- **Community weekends with Markéta were organized throughout the whole year; each time a theme strengthening the life together in the community was discussed**

- **Students came to gain experience**
- **Visits and exchange of experience with the community Benediktus from Chotěboř**
- **Restoration of the relief “How Time Carves Us Wrinkles”**
- **We are heading towards L’Arche**



Mission of the Organization

- enable to people with a health handicap live a full life in common conditions of a human community and to run a community house in Červený Újezd near Votice for this purpose
- provide support to inhabitants of Villa Vallila for their integration into the common life in working and social areas

Target Group: young people with a health and social handicap

Provided Social Services:

Sheltered housing (registration number: 9467457) – a service provided in the community house Villa Vallila in a form of commune living in the community house or as an independent living in two sheltered apartments.

The service of the sheltered housing **was supported by a subvention from the national budget this year**; allocated subvention covered approximately 2/3 of the total expenses.

Respite services (registration number: 9428197) – a service provided to families who care for their relatives with a health handicap. The recipients take advantage of short stays in the community house Villa Vallila.

Respite services **were not financially supported by the national budget for several years in a row**; it is supported by sponsorship only.

Social therapeutic workshop (registration number: 3254611) – the service is provided to young people with a health handicap, who need support and work training in a form of targeted working therapeutic programs.

Organization Principles:

With various life experience, we share our lives, create a community and try to live fully with an emphasis on:

- *respect and support to the rights of people with an impairment, notably the right to respectable life conditions, right to a home and right to access to work*
- *discovering of values of people with handicaps and finding of new qualities in the common community life*
- *support to integration of people with handicaps to the society through positive interpersonal relations*
- *sustainable operation of the community house in Červený Újezd near Votice*

2017 Chronicle

January

New year starts with a traditional
Three Kings Fundraising

February

Fund-raising concert in Prague
Hog killing in the Villa
Together in the mountains - Rokytnice
nad Jizerou



March

A new assistant Lucie A. joined the community
A trip to Modletín – Passion play by Vít a
Marčík



April

Piano concert of Jenovéfa Kučerová
Theater in the Attic – for kids
Baptism of Jirka K. in the local church
A trip to Mladá Vožice and Šelmberk



May

A trip to Holy Mountain
Formation for assistants in the Villa (May 11-14)
together with the community Benediktus

June

Almost summer stay in Nová Živohošť
Confirmation of Vendula in Prague
Jenovéfa – both a volunteer and a piano virtuous
A trip to a blacksmith's workshop in Moraveč

July

Admission of a new employee to the team
– an assistant for evening shifts
Jenovéfa – a volunteer
Visit from Poland
Stay of clients of APL-South Bohemia in
the Villa



August

Summer trips – Strnadov mill, Vrškamýk
castle, Radič castle



September

Garden party

Visit to the L'Arche community in Wroclaw (Renata, Maruška)

Selling of our products in the Borotín farm

David, Roman, Lucie – a trip to Bulgaria

Visit of senior citizens from Benešov

October

Excursion to a broadcasting station Radio Blaník

Tournament in table tennis

Volunteers from the TV station Prima

November

Teambuilding of Tamjdem employess in the Villa

Lecture given by a professional soldier about international missions

Trip to Kostelní Myslová

Exchange stays of inhabitants between Villa Vallila and Benediktus – Tomáš

Marriage of Markéta Štrometerová

Bowling in Votice

Assistant training in Prague



December

Advent concert – Vox Nymburgensis

Saint Nicolaus

presents

Christmas dinner



People in Villa Vallila

Inhabitants of the community house (recipients of the sheltered housing service)

In the community house lived in 2017:

Roman, Milan, Mikuláš, David, Pavel, Tereza, Hanka, Andrea, Bára, Jirka, Vendula

People in the Villa are those with a mild form of mental impairment, who cannot live on their own because of their adaptability problems. We offer them a sheltered housing service in the community house and in two independent efficiency apartments. They can live common lives like others with a targeted support. Each of them is involved into a work program within the social therapeutic workshop or therapeutic working programs (care for animals in the farm, work in the vegetable garden or in the greenhouse, maintenance of the surroundings of the house and the garden, work with wood). Some of them have succeeded to find a standard employment in the open employment market and have a permanent job. All of them participate according to their abilities and will on household operation. They are led to build up working habits, good daily regime, and healthy lifestyle. Attention is paid to meaningful spending their spare time.

Number of inhabitants – 10 (total capacity 10)

Recipients of the respite services

Those are mostly young people often with a serious health handicap, who come to the Villa mainly for relaxation or recondition programs. They have a possibility to join the life of the community, involve themselves into the regular activities and therapeutic programs. They bring to the community their own life stories and the inhabitants of the Villa can share their destiny. Usually, bonds are made during this time and besides common activities, their stay might be very enriching. Many of them often return to the Villa within the respite service program.

Number of recipients of the respite services: 17 (there are three permanent places for respite service; however, many of them come for respite service repeatedly several times a year).

Assistants (employees in social services)

They work year-round in the Villa. The assistants accompany the inhabitants during their everyday activities, help them fulfill their personal plans, support their working abilities, and serve as an example in the lifestyle and social behavior. They support the inhabitants in keeping the household and to be economical with their money. They also help to arrange their civic affairs. The assistants are in daily contact with the inhabitants, guide them in healthy regime, motivate them to reasonable spending of their time and support them in their

problems and decision-making. They are strongly involved in the community life – they take part in various festivities and events, also above the frame of their working hours and working duties. The assistant team is led by the house leader.

5.5 full-time equivalents

Advisory board

Members of the advisory board meet bi-monthly in an office in Prague. They participate on institution planning and guidance by analyzing the activities and management. They are a support in decision making and steering of the institution activities, support development programs for social services, participate on presentation events (concerts, festivities), help with web pages, PR and fund-raising.

Leadership

The organization is headed by a community leader, who carries the vision and spirit of L'Arche and who ensures that the community is growing together with the founders. The leadership and corresponding authority go hand in hand with service to the community. The community leader has four basic roles to fulfil: to safeguard the community roots, to create and manage well-functioning structures, to meet legitimate needs of the members and to maintain the openness to finding new ways for the community.

The community leader is responsible for financing of the community house and the community. She is responsible for the guidance of the members and for maintaining of sustainable working environment of assistants. The community leader cooperates closely with the house leader, the team of assistants and core members of the community on strategic planning and growth of the community. The community leader with the House Leader creates working manuals that define roles and responsibilities.

The community leader holds meetings with the team of assistants once a month, twice a month with the house leader, and every other month he/she takes part in the board meeting.

The organization is registered as Villa Vallila, registered institution according to current Civil Code since November 2015. The organization has its Founders, Director (community leader), Advisory Board, which keeps the institution's goals and ideas and supervises proper management and property handling.

Community History:

The Villa Vallila community has undergone great change during its existence – from protected housing of people afflicted by exclusion to creating a community

of people with and without disabilities who want to live in mutual relationships in openness and participation in particular social and cultural environment.

A young man who has lived in the community since its founding in 2001 (for 16 years), is the founding core member. Recently, we commemorated with him and other members of the community all the important milestones and various joyful and sad events we experienced. We reflected on how our lives were led and blessed by God through the community –how many gifts were bestowed on us, and what we learned from living in the Villa Vallila.

Original inspiration by Jean Vanier's L'Arche and an interest to join this movement took a specific form in 2011. We got to know the Benediktus community and Baška Pestka (L'Arche International Envoy) that had accompanied Benediktus in its journey to L'Arche. We joyfully embarked on that journey, too. During last seven years we visited some communities in Poland, Slovenia, Ireland, Italy, France, and Ukraine. Several of our assistants took part in courses and workshops organized by L'Arche, the community leader spent a month in Polish community in Śledziejowice and we were invited – together with the leader of Benediktus – to a week-long course for community leaders in Ambleteuse, France. We organized two important meetings aimed at introducing L'Arche to interested people in our country in the Villa. The first one took place in 2013, in which Baška Pestka (an International Envoy of L'Arche) participated and which was held for friends of the Villa and children with disabilities and their parents. The second one was devoted to celebration of the 50th anniversary of L'Arche in 2014. Many people from the Czech Republic with experience from L'Arche communities around the world took part in this meeting together with representatives of French and Polish communities. The celebration took place under the auspices of Baška Pestka.

Community Today:

Provision of the sheltered housing supports creation of a community of inhabitants and their assistants. The community members experience their common troubles and joys, learn mutual help, respect, patience, solving problems and adequate responses. They discover together important life values and individual gifts and learn mutual respect and honor. Most of them have to get over basic adversities still, as their mental and physical injuries are deep and make difficult to live contentedly and joyfully. Regular community sessions, individual talks, assistance days or community weekends. Everyone is supported to tell others his or her opinions, learns to listen to others and to seek solutions for the common or personal problems. All together learn to seek and use their own abilities, appreciate each other, and believe in their own value.

Space Disposition and Organization:

Disposition: The main building is a big villa of three floors in a spacious garden, 1 therapeutic workroom (Workshop), 2 separate flats, 1 flat to rent (a guest

house). We use an old blacksmith workshop (agreed by the owner) and a barn, which offers lot of possibilities for future.

The core of the community is formed by ten permanent inhabitants: are eight core members live in the community house and two core members in separate flats.

Most of the core members work in the Villa Vallila – in the workshop, in the farm or in the blacksmith workshop.

Three members work outside at the open labor market – two in a hospital and one in a restaurant. Others have occasional part time jobs – cleaning offices, households, work in libraries.

The community meets regularly at a dinner and most its members spend evenings and weekends together. During holidays, part of the community travels to the mountains, sea, or visits other communities.

Core members and assistants hold a community meeting once a week, at which there is open discussion about current situation, problems and possible solutions. The meetings are also an opportunity to share both joys and concerns. Core members together with assistants, participate in planning and decisions concerning admission of new core members or assistants.

Inculturation:

The community is actively involved in cultural life at the place of its location. Villa Vallila regularly organizes concerts, theatre performances and garden parties. These events are attended by many friends of the Villa together with people from the village and surrounding countryside.

The bonds of the community with local people is very enriching for both sides and enhances natural neighbourliness that is so important for inhabitants of the Villa. Thanks to it, the specific values of L'Arche (sensitivity, openness, discovery of personal gifts, mutual understanding) can be disseminated through Villa Vallila among general public.

Every member of the community carries his own history – his personal narrative. We are mutually striving to understand diverse cultural and social conditions from which people come and to integrate their culture and positive life experience into the life of the community.

Support and Resources:

Villa Vallila has rich resources of support and inspiration. Some former assistants who had worked in the Villa and keep very good relations with the



community are now living in close vicinity. Some of them have settled directly in the village or live close to it. They come to the Villa as friends, take part in various celebrations or invite inhabitants of the Villa to their homes.

The community also maintains very good relations with the local parish and its priest. Some inhabitants regularly visit Sunday masses and the parish priest regularly comes to the Villa for sharing about the faith. He already prepared some members for the sacrament of baptism.

Thanks to these activities, local people have a good knowledge of the L'Arche movement and they sincerely enjoy the living community. There are many friends of Villa Vallila, who are nearby the founders and the community leader since the very beginning. These precious people support it financially, by their voluntary work and by their prayers. They remain a great source to the community and form an important part of the circle of the people around Villa Vallila.

We meet a lot of young people that have a personal experience from L'Arche communities and who are coming to share their experiences, offer their support and connect themselves with the members of the community.



Finances:

Villa Vallila is partially financed from the state budget chapter for non-profit organizations. Subsidies are assigned for one year exclusively for a specific social service – protected housing. Application for subsidies and accounting is the responsibility of the community leader. Fundraising is another important part of community financing. Our office addresses foundations with requests for donations that help to cover running costs or that enable to realize certain projects (a stable for horses, façade repair, bathroom refurbishing, etc.). A substantial part of the budget is covered by individual sponsors. Thanks to these sponsors, who are also friends of Villa Vallila, the financing of the organization is secured for this year.

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We deeply appreciate each donation, any help represents for us encouragement.

We would like to let all our donors and volunteers know, that they support real weak, often forgotten people in need, who can - thanks to this support - live their lives in respectable conditions, learn and enjoy it, and believe that also their lives have sense.

Thank to you.



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FINAL BALANCE 2016

Expenses (thousands CZK)

Material Expenses	119
Tangible Property – House Equipment	104
Food	402
Energy	164
Repairs and Maintenance	249
Phone + Internet	21
Accountant and Legal Services	54
Other Services	43
Insurance	18
Labor Costs	1495
Payroll Tax	463
Taxes and Charges	4
Bank Charges	4
Depreciation of the material and property	58
Total Expenses	3198

Incomes (thousands CZK)

Payments for the Stays	779
Payments for Food	384
Incomes from Rentals	32
Foundation Support	0
Sponsor Gifts	425
Subventions	1594
Total Incomes	3214

MSc. Eva Klípová – director of Villa Vallila, registered institution