



Motto of the Community Life:

„It is only when we stand up, with all our failings and sufferings, and try to support others rather than withdraw into ourselves, that we can fully live the life of community.“

Jean Vanier, Community And Growth

Foreword:

We have experienced a great joy this year! Our continuous effort to provide good social service and to form a community in Villa Vallila inspired by communities of L'Arche has come to a success. We were accepted as a Project of L'Arche International in May 2018. It means not only recognition of our work and the community in the villa, but also an obligation for the future to live and keep principles, on which the community of L'Arche are built around the world. We still meet the envoys of the international organization, who guide us through the process. We share our experience with a collaborating organization Benediktus, which was also accepted into the international association.

Thank to this, a new road has opened ahead of us and we can set off. There is a task to strengthen and keep a community of people with handicaps, their assistants, and friends, so that the community is a place of admittance and life.

Eva Klíková – director
(community leader)



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

Description of the Organization:

The community Villa Vallila in the Czech Republic was found in 2001. It was created as a home for young people, who could not live independently due to their health or social handicaps. We were inspired by Jean Vanier since the very beginning and we struggled to form a community of people with and without handicaps, where mutual relations and trust represent pillars of the common life. Ten people with various adaptation problems live now in Villa Vallila. They form a core of a community together with their assistants. We consider provision of social services in the form of a vitalizing community as a unique way for full life of people with handicaps and a precious alternative to current forms of social services offered in our country.

Target Group: young people with a health and social handicap

Provided Social Services:

- Sheltered housing – 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.
- Respite services – 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
- Social therapeutic workshop – 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.

Principles of our work

While providing social services, we try to emphasize:

- *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 unique personal gifts through the common community life*

Events and Themes of the year 2018



- **Admission into the international community L'Arche as a “Project of L'Arche - Villa Vallila in the Czech Republic”.**
- **Continuing adaptation of the barn as a space for social and culture events (space for table tennis, movies, theatre performances for children...).**
- **Building a library – a cosy space with a lot of books and sitting has been created by adaptation of an old farm shed.**
- **Regular “community weekends”, which targeted a certain theme for strengthening the community cohabitation.**
- **Student and voluntary help**
- **Visits and exchange of experience with the community Benediktus from Chotěboř**
- **Restoration of the relief “How Time Carves Us Wrinkles” by František Bílek has been finished with a financial support of the Ministry of Culture and municipality Červený Újezd.**



2018 Chronicle

January

5 – 7: New year starts with a traditional Three Kings Fundraising

8: A common day for the community

20 – 27: A probation stay of a new applicant for the sheltered housing

February

10: A carnival and organization of a ball for local people

11: Visit of our friends from the community of L'Arche in Belfast

16: A common day for the community

22 – 24: Visit of L'Arche envoys

March

1: A new assistant joined the community

16 – 18: Formation of assistants (Villa + Benediktus) under the guidance of an envoy from L'Arche

22: Assistant training in Prague

April

16: A common day for the community, a visit in a blacksmith workshop in Moraveč

20 – 21: Continuing of assistant formation

May

Announcement of admittance of our community as well as a community Benediktus in Modletín as projects of L'Arche in the Czech Republic into the Federation of Communities L'Arche of Jean Vanier.

17: Volunteer help of students from a school Orbis Pictus

May 25 – June 3: A trip to Bibione, Italy

June

5: A new member joined the community

16: Garden party organized by Villa and friends from publishing house Baobab Tábor

July

9: Canoe trip on the Lužnice

18: Drivers' training

21: Selling on a festival Cihlafest organized by Portus – Slapy

29: A trip to Modletín, St. Ann pilgrimage

August

30 – 31: Assistant teambuilding

September

2: Parish day in the garden of Villa Vallila

Continuing probation stays of people interesting in sheltered housing services

22: Červený Újezd celebrated 100th anniversary of the republic – presentation of Villa Vallila as a local social project

October

3 – 5: A renovator finishes restoration of the relief

10 – 15: Visit of people from the community of L'Arche in Belfast

16 – 18: Visit of L'Arche envoy



November

9: Meeting of assistants from Villa and Benediktus and celebration of admittance into L'Arche

28: Making advent wreaths

December

7: A new member joined the community

7: Trip to Modletín for a theatre performance of Vít'a Marčík

15: Advent concert of a coir Domino Tábor

20: Common Christmas dinner

People in Villa Vallila

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

In the community house lived in 2018:

Roman, Mikuláš, David, Pavel, Tereza, Hanka, Věra, Bára, Jirka, Tomáš

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: 15 (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)

Assistants work in a 24-7 regime. 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. Leadership and authority is connected to the service in the community. The community leader is responsible for financing of the community house and the community itself. 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.

Community:

The community Villa Vallila has undergone great change during its existence – from sheltered housing of people excluding from the majority society to creating a community of people with and without disabilities who want to share mutual

gifts and try to live in openness and participation in particular social and cultural environment.

Original inspiration by Jean Vanier's L'Arche and desire to join the movement was fulfilled this year.

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 must still get over basic adversities, 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 are inseparable parts of the community life.

Space Disposition:

The main building is a big three-storey villa in a spacious garden, a barn, where two separate sheltered apartments and a therapeutic workroom – workshop were built. Another apartment is for rent now. We use an old blacksmith workshop (agreed by the owner) and a barn, which offers lot of possibilities for future.

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 used to work in the Villa and keep very good relations with the community are now living in close vicinity. They come to the Villa as friends, take part in various celebrations and help the community as a volunteers time to time.

The community also maintains very good relations with the local parish. Thanks to this, local people have a good knowledge of the L'Arche movement and they sincerely enjoy the living community. Some friends have been nearby and in touch with the founders and the community leader since the very beginning. These people support it financially, by their voluntary work and by their prayers.

Currently, we meet a lot of young people with a personal experience from L'Arche communities, they come to share their experience, offer their support and connect themselves with the members of the community.

Finances:

Villa Vallila is financed from the state budget chapter for non-profit organizations. Subsidies are assigned for one year exclusively for a specific social service – protected housing.

Fundraising is another important part of community financing. We address foundations with requests for donations that help to cover running costs or that enable to realize certain smaller projects. 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.

Social service provision, activities, operation of the community house, and other necessary expenses are funded by:

Institutions:

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Company voluntary days:

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Permanent volunteers:

Dagmar Bartáková, Stanislav Mareš, Štěpánka Míchalová, Tamara Nerudová, Markéta Štomerová – Holubníčková, Jitka Zimová

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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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Expenses (thousands of CZK)

Material Expenses	104
Tangible Property – House Equipment	100
Food	376
Energy	143
Repairs and Maintenance	312
Phone + Internet	20
Accountant and Legal Services	52
Other Services	57
Insurance	15
Labor Costs	1713
Payroll Tax	535
Other Social expenses	34
Travel Costs	18
Depreciation of the material and property	77
Total Expenses	3 556

Incomes (thousands of CZK)

Payments for the Stays	452
Contribution for Care	360
Payments for Food	378
Subventions	1643
Sponsor Gifts	753
Fund clearance	58
Total Incomes	3 644

MSc. Eva Klíková – Director of Villa Vallila, registered institution