

Annual Report 2020

Villa Vallila,
registered institution



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

Pandemic year 2020 affected the life of community members in Villa Vallila too. The year started normally, nevertheless an important change was made: the official seat of the institution was moved to Červený Újezd, the address is identical with the community house now.

All community members went to the Kašperské Hory for a stay in the middle of January, some people took part in a traditional masquerade ball in February. But then news about contagion started to spread. Therefore, the community house was closed in March – it was accessible for assistants and a director only. The core members rested “at home” in the Villa, no one went to work, no visitors came, respite care was limited. However, this time was also a time of new opportunities and thoughts about the life in the Villa. Common sharing, common trips to the woods, long walks in the nature filled the free time – which was both recommended and beneficial for the whole community. Maybe, it contributed to strengthening of the collaboration of the assistant team and the leaders. Nevertheless, all watched the news about contagion with anxiety, which troubled some inhabitants with thoughts about the future.

The situation seemed to improve during the summer, the offer of respite stays broadened – there was an increased interest in them. And we succeeded to organize a perfect garden party in the end of August. It became a celebration of gathering, creation, performance and joy of life! Further epidemic measures came into effect in the fall, further restrictions and of course further troublesome thoughts.

A traditional Advent concert had to be called off. Scheduled meetings with an envoy from l’Arche were organized as short online meetings only. Employees in the Villa started to be regularly tested in November. This was a way how to support common safety. Luckily, no one from the community was infected.

The strange and troublesome year ended by a common meeting with a Christmas dinner and celebration of the Christmas hope.

Eva Klíková – director (community leader)

What is Villa Vallila

The organization Villa Vallila provides social services in a community house since 2001.

It was originally 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 (l'Arche) since the very beginning and we struggled to form a community of people with handicaps and without (assistants), where people can develop their gifts and abilities and are accepted with their problems and respected.

We were admitted as a member of an international organization L'Arche International in 2018 and officially we are a Project L'Arche, Czech Republic now.

Ten people with various adaptation problems live now in Villa Vallila.

Legally, we are providers of social services in the Czech Republic. We offer a service of sheltered housing since 2004, and respite services since 2007. We consider provision of social services in the form of a community living as a unique way for full life of people with handicaps, which enables developing of own gifts and abilities.

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 and Provided Social Services

- people with a health handicap
- sheltered housing, respite services

Main Events in 2020

- Global pandemic
- Change of the institution seat – new address is Červený Újezd u Votic 32, 257 88, Czech Republic
- Assistant Tereza quitted her job in the Villa in March, a new assistant Ilona commenced to work in April.
- Common trips and walks were proofed to be an effective therapy against pandemic.
- Whole community enjoyed a recreational stay in Nová Živohošť in June.
- Assistants and leaders went to a teambuilding in the Šumava.
- A nice garden party was despite the uneasy time full of energy and joy from get-together.
- The community spent couple of days in the Šumava at the end of September.
- An international envoy of l'Arche Robin Sykes visited us for the last time in February; following visits were canceled, online greetings followed instead; the transformation of Villa Vallila was somewhat suspended.
- The first year of a singing contest "Villa's Robin" was announced.



People in Villa Vallila

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

In the community house lived in 2020:

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

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. Some of them have succeeded to find a standard employment in the open employment market and have a permanent job. Each community member is involved into a work program in the workshop, vegetable garden, household keeping. 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 people with a health handicap, who need to change the environment and their caring families need a rest. Respite services are in the form of short-term stays. The recipients have a possibility to join the life of the community, involve themselves into the regular activities and therapeutic programs.

Number of recipients of the respite services in the year 2020 due to epidemic restrictions: 12

Community leader, the director of the institution (Eva K.), is responsible for leading of the team, safe operation of the community house, securing finances, and function of the whole community. Leadership and authority is connected to the service for the community. The director collaborates with the house leader and a worker responsible for the finances. She creates strategic plans for the organization, represents the institution in the public, and is responsible for public relation.

Technical and financial employee (Miroslav K.) is responsible for the building and enclosed plots, ensures repairs and maintenance, cares for the community car, prepares work in the farm and ensures good care for the farm animals. He is the main economist of the institution, applies for the projects and is responsible for accounting, and collaborates with the accountant (external company).

Advisory board (Vít, Martina, Jindřiška, Martin, Vendula, Denisa) is an advisory and control body. It is led by a chairman (president), who closely collaborates with the leadership of the institution. The board members participate on institution planning, control management of the institution, and support in decision making and steering and guidance. They participate on presentation of the institution (concerts and events). They belong among donors and help with fundraising.

House leader (Renata) is responsible for the operation of the community house, organizes and leads the assistant team, and supports the teamwork. She takes care of civic affairs of the core members, coordinates work activities and medical exams.

Assistants (in 2020: Maruška, Pavel, Lucka, Ilona, Jarka) 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, prepare leisure activities, care good living habits and social behavior. Together with inhabitants they care for the household, help the inhabitants to be economical with their money. They also help to arrange their civic affairs. They are strongly involved in the community life – they take part in various festivities and events.

Professionals - art-therapists (Kateřina, Markéta) prepare work programs in the therapeutic workshop corresponding to abilities of the recipients. They teach working habits and also prepare methodology for manufacturing of products for presentation and sell. They support good working habits, motivate them to work responsibly and support their self-fulfillment.



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We would like to let all our donors and volunteers know, that they support particular 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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