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Motto:

*Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
(Proverbs 3:27)*

Ten years is not a long time in historical terms; in and of itself, ten years is no reason for celebration. However, we have experienced these past ten years very intensively. The whole society developed during this time, and the development continues even today. This time of major social change brought and continues to bring many opportunities for personal initiative to make a difference. Several times I have met with puzzled expressions and the question, whether spoken or unspoken: Why do people do that, anyway, and what do they get out of it?

This modest booklet does not aim to celebrate that anniversary, though. It is just a small look back with gratefulness to God. The results of the work bind us to fulfill, faithfully and honestly, the mission Naděje has had since its establishment: to put the gospel into practice in daily life. Of course, that does not mean arguing, debating or persuading others to accept our point of view. The gospel in life, that is according to Jesus Christ, as recorded for us by the Evangelist Matthew, 25th chapter, is to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, care for the homeless (travellers), clothe the naked, cheer up the sick and help the imprisoned.

In our booklet we would like to show both successes and failures. We would also like it to be an expression of gratitude to everyone who contributed time and donations, everyone who put in a good word, everyone who made decisions, in short, to everyone for their support, whatever form it took. Most of all, though, we would like to show that there are people living among us who need help from the others - people who are alone, helpless, old, sick, people with handicaps, abandoned children. Often they are people who can enrich us, who are healthy, young and strong, in unique ways, even when we least expect it. But, first and foremost, they are human beings, or God's creatures if you will, who deserve to live with human dignity.

Ilja Hradecký

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of Naděje is to spread the gospel and put it into practice in day-to-day life. Our objective is to establish and operate a network of services for people in need, on the basis of Christian principles. Within its own institutions and outside of them, Naděje offers spiritual, moral, social, medical, and hygienic care as well as food assistance, accommodation, material support, legal protection, counselling, awareness, education, child care etc., including ancillary services. Our services focus in particular on people who are alone, physically disabled, marginalized in society or otherwise disadvantaged. Within its various facilities and outside of them, Naděje organises missionary activities in all forms (Charter of Naděje).

Our operations are run by volunteers, some who work on a regular basis and others who work as their schedules permit. The work force is filled out by employees and young men in „civil service“ (in lieu of mandatory military service). Naděje's activities as an association are run exclusively on a volunteer, informal basis, with no paid staff.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NADĚJE

Naděje arose spontaneously, without any prior planning. The first days bore a close resemblance to the beginning of other similar charities: volunteer work without any operating funds, serving food at railway stations, in our case to Romanian refugees. The first period from August 1990 till April 1991 was special in that all the work was performed by volunteers, first in Prague providing meals and accommodation, and later in refugee camps in Jabloneček u Mimoně and Bělá pod Bezdězem. Later, the volunteer effort continued in Prague with the opening of the Naděje centers.

Naděje is organized as an association under Act 83/1990 Sb. on Civic Associations. It was registered with the Ministry of the Interior on 21 April 1990 under the number VSP/1-2274/90-R. Pursuant to its Charter, Naděje is an apolitical, interdenominatory organization operating nation-wide. Some of its members live in Slovakia and in other countries.

Naděje's establishment and development is connected with the personality of Vlastimila Hradecká, whose enormous, persistent efforts led to the realization of her vision, to which she gave the symbolic name Naděje („Hope“). She foresaw the future development of society and understood the future needs of the people destined to be marginalized in this process. Herself seriously disabled, she could identify with the despair and poverty of the poor and disabled and listen to them. She left her work on behalf of others uncompleted when she passed away on 11 March 1997.

Poem „I Remember...“ by Věra Horáčková, client from Prague

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10 YEARS OF NADĚJE

There are certain moments when it is good to retrospect. Looking into the past can help us understand the present, while at the same time inspiring us for the future. It can also help us renew memories of the roots from which we grow, the foundations on which we stand. Last but not least, it can fill us with joy and gratitude over the many good things that we have received from God's hand over the past ten years.

Ten years. Is it too much or not enough? Looking back at the past ten years, we see the explosive development and search for identity not just of Naděje, but of our entire society.

We will see how the enthusiasm of just a few individuals grew into an organization that today operates throughout the entire country.

We will see how from the early help for refugees our aid programs gradually expanded to include other groups of needy people, from the homeless through the elderly and abandoned, handicapped children and youth, orphans, to national minorities and former prison inmates.

We will see intensive construction activity, at great cost in terms of both money and time, with the goal of obtaining proper space and facilities in which to provide our services.

We will see the many selfless, willing workers, benefactors and volunteers, without whom it would not have been possible to give so much help to the needy.

We will see both successes and failures, but most of all we will see people and their problems, concerns and needs. People who somehow do not fit into our modern society, but nonetheless are an integral part of it. We want to offer these people hope, hope that their life will have meaning and be lived in fullness and joy. To do so, it is not enough to feed the body, because a fed, clothed person with a roof over his or her head is not always happy; for that, the person's soul, too, must be fed.

From the beginning it has been our aim not only to provide our clients quality social services at a highly professional level, but also to bring to each and every one the joyous news that Christ came to this Earth „that they might live and live fully“, not just here in this world, but also in the world to come.

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Poem „Demolished Cathedral“ by Renata Fojtíková

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1990

In this year the idea of establishing a missionary and charity organization was born. It was to address two needs: the needs of people who want to help and the needs of people who need this help. The former group consisted of Ilja and Vlastimila Hradecký, while the people in need were Romanian refugees.

At the beginning, Naděje was driven primarily by enthusiasm and a desire to help, but also by the realization that human poverty does not arise from mere lack of food or shelter, but most importantly from a lack of love, consideration and understanding, which God offers to us all through Jesus Christ.

Naděje was one of the first civic associations to be formed in the Czech Republic after November 1989. It was registered with the Ministry of the Interior on 21 August 1990.

In the early days, Naděje helped refugees both „on the street“ (or in the railway station) and, later, in refugee camps. In particular, food aid was organized. At the refugee camps in Jabloneček u Mimoně and Bělá pod Bezdězem we also organized Czech language classes and programs for children to help the refugees integrate into our society. This was the beginning of Naděje's Integration Program, including distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature.

- Early August 1990, spontaneous „traditional charity“ work at Prague train stations
- August 1990, first church service with refugees
- 21 August 1990, Naděje established as civic association
- August 1990, cooperation with Prague emergency department
- August 1990, volunteer work at refugee collection camp in Prague
- September 1990, opening of school for children of refugees and language classes for adults
- October 1990, food aid for refugees – beginning of Food Aid Program
- October 1990, membership in Czechoslovak Humanitarian Cooperation Board (today the Czech Humanitarian Cooperation Board)
- November 1990, end of work at Jabloneček u Mimoně refugee camp
- November 1990, commencement of work at Bělá pod Bezdězem refugee camp
- All year, distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature in 25 languages, also at other refugee camps in Trmice, Zastávka u Brna and Krásná Lípa

Pictures on this page are from the refugee camps Jabloneček u Mimoně and Bělá pod Bezdězem

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1991

Our volunteer work at refugees camps continued. After this work ended, the center of our activities moved to Prague, where we began to work on opening centers for the Integration Program, which was designed on a modular basis. At first it was primarily focused on helping refugees, but as time went on more and more Czech citizens lacking shelter and money began to come to the newly opened center in Rumunská Street, Prague 2.

After the Integration Program, the second program to commence this year was the Senior Citizens Program, the objective of which is to help old people. During our search for an appropriate building in which to house refugees, we were offered a former scout camp in Nedašov, Zlín District. Although this property was not appropriate for refugees, there was a shortage of space at old age homes in the Zlín area, and thus, in June 1991, we cooperated with the Zlín District Office to open an Assisted Living Center for 45 people in five buildings.

- Ongoing work at the Bělá pod Bezdězem refugee camp
- February 1991, end of systematic work at refugee camps
- March 1991, preparations for Prague operation, lease of non-residential space
- March 1991, school for refugee children and language lessons for adult refugees – plan approved by Ministry of Education
- April 1991, center at Rumunská 25, Prague 2 opened
- June 1991, opening of dietary kitchen/cafeteria for senior citizens in Belgická Street, Prague 2
- June 1991, opening of shelter for refugees (later for homeless people) in Šafaříkova Street, Prague 2
- June 1991, opening of Assisted Living Center in Nedašov, Zlín District
- August 1991, opening of shelter for families with children at Varšavská 23, Prague 2
- November 1991, Naděje makes first contacts with City of Vysoké Mýto and offers cooperation in social services
- December 1991, preparation of project documentation for refurbishing apartment building left by Soviet Army and conversion thereof into Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto; reconstruction was carried out by the city
- December 1991, preparation for new work in Kroměříž

Pictures on this page:

*From the refugee camps Jabloneček u Mimoně and Bělá pod Bezdězem
Prague, Šafaříkova 17 – first shelter for men*

1992

This is the year when the core of today's organization was established. Aside from the continuing and expanding work in Prague and Nedašov, new centers were opened and preparatory work started on others. In Kroměříž and Brno the organization began to work with old people through both home care and assisted living services. The reconstruction of the Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto continued. A completely new program – the Program for the Mentally Handicapped – commenced in Zlín and Otrokovice.

- January 1992, commencement of operations in Kroměříž (home care and assisted living services)
- February 1992, signing of social services agreement with City of Vysoké Mýto
- March 1992, closing of boarding house for families with children at Varšavská 23, Prague 2
- March 1992, commencement of home car and assisted living services in Prague – Radotín
- April 1992, opening of day center with protected workshop for the mentally handicapped in Zlín
- Commencement of construction work on the Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto
- May 1992, opening of shelter in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2, to replace the shelter at Varšavská 23, which was closed down
- June 1992, opening of clothing aid center at Vaňorného náměstí, Vysoké Mýto
- June 1992, commencement of home care and assisted living services in City of Brno
- June 1992, first operations in Nýrsko – volunteer charity and field ministry
- October 1992, offer of house in Litomyšl for social work with children from Czech-American family, the Plchas
- November 1992, opening of Day Center in Bolzanova Street, Prague 1, near the main train station, as part of the Integration Program
- December 1992, opening of Day Center for Senior Citizens in Prague – Radotín and winding down of home care and assisted living services
- December 1992, termination of lease in Rumunská Street, Prague 2; Naděje's main office moves to Na Slupi Street in Prague
- December 1992, in conjunction with the main office move, interruption of operation of shelter for mothers with children at Na Slupi Street, Prague 2
- December 1992, „Naděje – Two Years of Work“ published
- Gradual renovation of Assisted Living Center at Nedašov
- Remodelling of former nursery school in Otrokovice for future Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth

Pictures on this page:

Prague, Bolzanova 5 – Day Center near main train station

Vysoké Mýto – renovation of former Soviet Army apartment building

Prague, Radotín – multi-day center for senior citizens

Litomyšl – gift of the Plcha family from USA for abandoned children (original state before renovation and expansion)

1993

This year saw further rapid expansion of Naděje's operations. New centers were opened, new activities commenced, and existing ones expanded.

- January 1993, opening of Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth in Otrokovice
- April 1993, opening of shelter for men in Krásova Street, Prague 3, as part of Integration Program
- April 1993, help center in Vysoké Mýto moves to Tůmova Street
- April 1993, opening of help center in Krásova Street, Prague 3 as part of Integration Program (distribution of clothing for poor people and families)
- October 1993, opening of Day Center for old people in Brno „Na Ponávce“ facility
- October 1993, partnership with FEBA (European Food Bank Federation)
- November 1993, opening of physician's office at Otrokovice facility
- December 1993, opening of help center in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2 as part of Integration Program (food aid for poor citizens and families)
- Ongoing renovation of Nedašov Assisted Living Center (center now in operation)
- Ongoing renovation of Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto
- Building obtained in Zlín for Home for the Mentally Handicapped
- Building obtained for Assisted Living Center in Brno, Ptačínského Street

- Negotiations in Vyškov District
- Negotiations on operation of shelter in Mělník

Pictures on this page:

Prague, Na Slupi 12 – food aid center, later clothing aid

Nedašov – Renovation of all buildings during operation

Brno, Ponávka – Day Center in city spa building

Otrokovice – Home for Handicapped Children and Youth, original buildings

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1994

In cooperation with Mělník city officials our cooperation with that city was expanded. Other programs were also expanded, and negotiations were commenced on a foster care project in Litomyšl. However, other operations in Litomyšl were wound down.

- January 1994, commencement of operations in Mělník – preparations for opening shelter for the homeless
- March 1994, opening of physician's office in Vysoké Mýto
- March 1994, membership in FEANTSA (European Federation of National Organizations for the Homeless)
- April 1994, first wing of Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center begins operating
- June 1994, construction commences on new building (add-on) at the Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth
- June 1994, membership in ICN Club (Foundations Information Center)
- September 1994, winding down of food aid and start-up of clothing aid at help center in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2
- September 1994, Naděje's main office moves from Na Slupi, Prague 2, to Varšavská 37, Prague 2
- September 1994, boarding house for mothers with children re-opens in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2
- September 1994, clothing aid center at Krásova Street, Prague 3, closed down and vacated space used to expand capacity of men's boarding house at same location
- September 1994, opening of dietary kitchen/cafeteria (capacity 200) in Lidická Street for the Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- September 1994, opening of protected workshop for the mentally handicapped at the Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth
- September 1994, opening of protected workshop at Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- September 1994, opening of physical therapy clinic at Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- October 1994, help center in Vysoké Mýto moves from Tůmova Street to new facility at Assisted Living Center
- October 1994, commencement of repairs and renovation of Halfway House in Rybalkova Street, Prague 10
- October 1994, opening of internal medicine and geriatric care clinic in Brno
- October 1994, opening of homeless shelter in Mělník
- November 1994, opening of second wing at Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- November 1994, opening of Brno – Bohunice Day Center for Senior Citizens
- December 1994, expansion of Day Center at Bolzanova 5, Prague 1, as part of Integration Program
- December 1994, opening of physician's office (general practitioner) for the homeless at Bolzanova Street facility in Prague 1
- December 1994, opening of Home for the Mentally Handicapped in Zlín
- December 1994, winding down of operations in Kroměříž
- Preparation of project documentation for renovation of Assisted Living Center in Ptačínského Street, Brno
- Negotiations on establishing Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl
- „Naděje, 1990-1994“ published

Pictures on this page:

Vysoké Mýto – Assisted Living Center

Brno, Bohunice – Day Center for Senior Citizens, later expanded for multi-day operation

Otrokovice – Construction site of new pavilion

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1995

The beginning of this year was marked by deterioration of Naděje's financial situation which, along with other factors, made it necessary to close down one shelter in Prague and wind up operations in Mělník. In the second half of the year construction work went on at practically all branches of the organization.

- January 1995, boarding house for mothers with children in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2, closed down
- January 1995, first client move into Home for the Mentally Handicapped in Zlín
- March 1995, opening of men's boarding house in Na Slupi Street, Prague 2
- May 1995, construction commences on garage in Vysoké Mýto
- June 1995, work begins on project documentation for Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl
- June 1995, operations in Mělník wound up
- September 1995, construction of garage in Vysoké Mýto completed
- September 1995, completion of Phase One of Nedašov Assisted Living Center facility repair
- September 1995, opening of field office for one-year preparatory program for the aid school at the Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth
- October 1995, opening of Tea Room at the Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- November 1995, work starts on renovating Assisted Living Center in Brno, Ptačínského Street
- November 1995, Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth expanded with opening of new building
- December 1995, opening of winter boarding house for men in Rybalkova Street, Prague 10
- December 1995, definitive closure of dietary cafeteria for senior citizens in Belgická Street, Prague 2
- December 1995, construction work commences on future Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl
- Lease of old village school buildings in Vyškov District for establishment of Assisted Living Center in Brankovice and Home for the Mentally Handicapped in Chvalkovice, commencement of planning work

Pictures on this page:

Litomyšl – architectural model of future Home for Abandoned Children

Prague, Rybalkova 31 – prior to renovation this building served as a winter boarding house

Zlín, bratří Sousedíků – Home for the Mentally Handicapped

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1996

The year 1996 was declared as The International Year for Eradication of Poverty. The practical effect of this awareness project was evident primarily in the work of the Prague branch. All the branches of the organization saw significant progress in their various construction projects, especially the Assisted Living Centers in Nedašov, Brno and Vysoké Mýto, the Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl, and in Prague at the Halfway House in Rybalkova Street and the Youth Center at Bolzanova 7.

- January 1996, shelter for men in Šafaříkova Street, Prague 2, closed down
- April 1996, winter boarding house in Rybalkova Street, Prague 10, closed for renovation
- May 1996, commencement of renovation work on Youth Center, Bolzanova 7, Prague 1
- May 1996, renovation of building in Rybalkova Street, Prague 10, continues
- June 1996, psychiatric and gerontopsychiatric clinic opened in Brno
- September 1996, educational activities for the mentally handicapped started in Zlín in cooperation with the Pedagogic Center at the Residential Aid School in Zlín
- October 1996, press conference as part of the International Year for Eradication of Poverty awareness campaign
- December 1996, opening of winter boarding house (later converted to year-round operation) for the homeless as part of the Integration Program in Husitská Street, Prague
- December 1996, „Homelessness – Extreme Exclusion“ published
- December 1996, Christmas concert in Vysoké Mýto
- Completion of final phase of major repairs at the Nedašov Assisted Living Center
- Remodelling of physical therapy clinic at Vysoké Mýto Assisted Living Center
- Ongoing renovation of Assisted Living Center in Ptačínského Street, Brno
- Ongoing reconstruction of Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl
- „Naděje – Goals and Mission“ (1st edition) published

Pictures on this page:

Prague, Husitská 20 – winter boarding house, later expanded to year-round operation

Otrokovice – for mentally handicapped children, education starts by playing games

International Year for Eradication of Poverty

International Year for Eradication of Poverty – press conference with Mr. Nicklisch, director of UN Information Center in Prague

1997

During this year, our country was hit by highly destructive flooding which directly affected the Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth. This tragic event aside, we succeeded in opening two new youth centers in Prague as part of the Integration Program and two centers in Brno for the Senior Citizens Program. We also commenced new operations in Česká Třebová. Operations at other branches were stabilized.

- March 1997, social facility opened in Česká Třebová
- March 1997, opening of dependence-endangered youth center at Bolzanova 7, Prague 1
- March 1997, completion of Phase One, reconstruction of Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl
- April 1997, first foster family moves into Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl
- April 1997, first annual „Naděje Cup“ table tennis tournament for the handicapped in Zlín
- May 1997, Naděje General Meeting held in Zlín
- May 1997, filming of „Naděje – Goals and Mission“ documentary film
- June 1997, opening of Halfway House for young men in Rybalkova Street, Prague 10
- June 1997, work begins at prisons as part of the Integration Program in Prague
- July 1997, opening of Assisted Living Center in Ptačínského Street, Brno
- July 1997, major flooding, Otrokovice Home for the Mentally Handicapped hit
- July 1997, organization of humanitarian aid for those affected by the flooding
- July 1997, first of a series of benefit concerts by Lucie Bílá to raise money to rebuild Otrokovice facility
- July 1997, sport adventure camp „Conquering the Promised Land“ in Vranice u Litomyšl
- September 1997, commencement of home care in Zlín
- September 1997, second family moves into Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl (temporary arrangements)
- September 1997, internal medicine and geriatric clinic in Brno moved to the Assisted Living Center in Ptačínského Street
- November 1997, „Come Pet a Lion“ social event held for the mentally handicapped in Zlín
- December 1997, Christmas tournament in table tennis held for the handicapped in Zlín
- December 1997, Christmas concert in Vysoké Mýto
- December 1997, multi-day center for senior citizens opened in Brno – Bohunice
- Throughout 1997 children were moved from Otrokovice to alternative accommodations
- „Naděje – Goals and Mission“ (2nd edition) published

Pictures on this page:

Česká Třebová – clubhouse at living facility is used both for tutoring and a place for kids to spend their free time

Otrokovice – views of flood damage

Litomyšl – Phase One of construction is complete, both families can now move in

1998

The vastest and the most demanding task in 1998 was to complete the reconstruction of the Otrokovice Home for Children, which had been destroyed by the flooding. We were also greatly pleased to see the renovation of the Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl completed. The year also saw the beginning of work in two more cities: Jablonec nad Nisou and Plzeň (Pilsen). A new Assisted Living Center was opened in Mostní Street, Zlín. New work also began in Vysoké Mýto: social work in apartment buildings inhabited primarily by people of Romany descent.

- January 1998, opening of day center for Senior Citizens in Brno – Řečkovice and completion of Phase One of repairs necessary for operation of multi-day center
- February 1998, completion of Phase Two of repairs and opening of multi-day center in Brno
- May 1998, renovation of Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl, completed
- May 1998, missionary center opened at Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl
- May 1998, Naděje receives award from „Place in the Heart“ foundation at ceremony held in the Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle
- June 1998, grand opening of Home for Abandoned Children, Litomyšl, under the name „House of Hope Litomyšl“
- June 1998, associate membership in SAD (Association of Representatives of Shelter Operators)
- July 1998, grand re-opening of Otrokovice Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth that had been destroyed in the floods of July 1997 (re-opening exactly one year after the flood)
- July 1998, work commences on Dictionary of Christian Terms for the Hearing Impaired project

- July 1998, sport adventure camp at Slapy and English language learning camp on Sázava river organized by Litomyšl missionary center
- July 1998, Social Aid Center in Otrokovice opened
- August 1998, Brno branch office moves from Kotěrova Street to newly renovated building (formerly a nursery school) in Brno – Vinohrady
- September 1998, opening of Assisted Living Center in Mostní Street, Zlín
- September 1998, „Waves of Hope“ social program held for the handicapped from all over the Czech Republic
- October 1998, opening of new Integration Program center in Husova Street, Vysoké Mýto, in a tenement house inhabited by citizens of Romany descent
- October 1998, seminar on social exclusion for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and related event on Václavské náměstí (Wenceslas Square), Prague
- November 1998, work begins in Plzeň in a building inhabited by rent debtors in Železniční Street
- November 1998, Zlín „Rams“ sports team gets involved in the Czech Special Olympics Movement
- December 1998, opening of second home for people on the margins of society in Česká Třebová
- December 1998, Christmas concert in Vysoké Mýto
- December 1998, renovation of Assisted Living Center in Prague – Záběhlice begins
- December 1998, opening of winter boarding house in Spytihněvova Street, Prague, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, the Municipal Social Aid Center and the Prague Lord Mayor's Office
- December 1998, operations in Jablonec nad Nisou commenced with opening of Homeless Shelter in Podhorská Street

Pictures on this page:

Otrokovice – Home for Children, newly rebuilt after being destroyed in the flood

„Place in the Heart“ prize – awarded to Naděje in the Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle

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1999

This year Naděje took its activities to yet another city – Mladá Boleslav. In order to improve the quality of services, it became necessary to undertake construction work in Zlín and Nedašov.

- January 1999, Czech Radio auction organized at the National Museum in Prague to benefit the Otrokovice facility
- April 1999, construction of garage at the House of Hope, Litomyšl
- April 1999, closure of winter boarding house in Spytihněvova Street, Prague 4
- May 1999, re-opening of help center with clothing, footwear and household needs as part of the Integration Program in Krásova Street, Prague
- May 1999, „Naděje Cup“ table tennis tournament in Zlín
- May 1999, Chvalkovice – Brankovice branch in Vyškov District shut down
- June 1999, Special event for senior citizens held at Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto
- June 1999, membership in VDP (Prison Ministry Association)
- July 1999, „Expedition to Asia“ sport adventure camp organized by Missionary Center in Litomyšl
- July 1999, renovations and repairs begin at the day center for the mentally handicapped in Zlín, goal is to increase the center's capacity
- August 1999, work therapy begins at Halfway House in Rybalkova Street, Prague
- September 1999, Club David opens in Česká Třebová
- November 1999, activities at center in Husova Street, Vysoké Mýto, expanded
- November 1999, renovation of kitchen/cafeteria/laundry building at the Nedašov Assisted Living Center begins
- November 1999, commencement of operations in Mladá Boleslav with the opening of a Naděje Center equipped with eight crisis beds and a day center, primarily for the homeless
- November 1999, renovation of day center for the mentally handicapped in Zlín completed
- December 1999, opening of winter boarding house for the homeless in Spytihněvova Street, Prague 4, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, the Municipal Social Aid Center and the Prague Mayor's Office
- December 1999, Social Aid Center in Otrokovice shut down
- Ongoing reconstruction of Assisted Living Center for lonely old people in Prague – Záběhlice
- Ongoing work on the Dictionary of Christian Terms for the Hearing Impaired
- Negotiations on a Halfway House project for former prison inmates in Jablonec nad Nisou District
- Negotiations on a Halfway House project in Liberec

Pictures on this page:

Prague, Záběhlice – renovation of Assisted Living Center for lonely old people

Vysoké Mýto, Husova Street – Romany children sing and dance

Mladá Boleslav – new day center, construction financed by city

2000

The tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Naděje was marked by major financial problems and the uncertainty caused by the late approval of the state budget. It is a year in which we tried to return to the roots of our mission, i.e. to the missionary work that is set forth as our goal in the Naděje Charter. From the beginning of the year we cooperated on the development of social service standards in conjunction with a new system of social service accreditation. The goal for the future is to stabilize these services and improve service quality at all of our facilities.

- February 2000, day center for senior citizens opened in Brno – Vinohrady
- February 2000, renovation of facility in Bolzanova Street, Prague 1, begins with aim of installing emergency accommodation facilities for the homeless
- February 2000, seminar on „New Methods in Caring for Elderly Fellow Citizens“ held in Brno as part of the „30 Days for the Non-Profit Sector“ campaign
- March 2000, second Czech Radio auction organized at the National Museum in Prague to benefit the Otrokovice facility
- March 2000, Naděje General Meeting held in Česká Třebová
- March 2000, organizational and personnel changes in Zlín area – Zlín, Otrokovice and Nedašov branches
- April 2000, expansion of work in Mladá Boleslav with opening of apartment for emergency accommodation of mothers with children
- May 2000, Naděje Zlín sports club successfully participates in Special Olympics in the Netherlands
- June 2000, preparatory work begins for opening a Halfway House for former prison inmates in Jiřetín pod Bukovou, Jablonec nad Nisou District
- July 2000, renovation of day and multi-day center for senior citizens in Brno – Bohunice begins (renovation carried out by Bohunice local council)
- Ongoing work on renovating Assisted Living Center in Prague – Záběhlice and purchasing the building for Naděje
- Ongoing renovation of kitchen/cafeteria facility at Nedašov Assisted Living Center
- Ongoing work on the Dictionary of Christian Terms for the Hearing Impaired
- Children's playground built in Česká Třebová as part of the Club David project
- Children's playground built next to the Naděje House in Mladá Boleslav
- Negotiations on expanding work in Jablonec nad Nisou in apartment houses inhabited primarily by Romanies
- Construction work at the Assisted Living Center in Ptačínského Street, Brno, with the goal of opening a psychiatric and gerontopsychiatric clinic in this facility
- Naděje co-founds ANNO (Association of Non-State Non-Profit Organizations working with current and former prison inmates)
- Naděje applies for full membership in SAD (Association of Homeless Shelter Operators)
- Preparations for a new project in Liberec
- Negotiations on new work in Česká Lípa and Písek

Pictures on this page:

Brno, Vinohrady – seminar on „New Methods of Care for the Elderly“ as part of the „30 Days for the Non-Profit Sector“ campaign
Athletes from Zlín won medals at the Special Olympics in the Netherlands

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

After the spontaneous beginning of charity work there came an obvious need to decide whether we would continue volunteering help to people in need, or whether we would apply ourselves to systematic, professional work. The decision was clear, and soon the first work plan was created with set goals and defined steps. Later, this plan formed the basis for the comprehensively defined Integration Program. The Senior Citizens Program and the Program for the Mentally Handicapped were created in a similar fashion.

Each of these three programs (together representing about 90% of Naděje's activities) are conceived as modular, complementary one to another, and are revised from time to time to meet the changing needs of society and with regard to our abilities and opportunities. Particular services within each program are adapted to specific target groups and may differ from place to place, branch to branch. Over the past ten years, parts of the various programs have come to overlap in certain projects. The fourth core social program is Foster Care.

The Health Program, the Missionary Program, the Food Aid Program and other supplementary services are operated alongside the four core programs, forming a grid structure of sorts.

The overall framework and purpose of this open, flexible service structure is the prevention of poverty, loneliness and social exclusion and also social intervention in cases when poverty and loneliness have already occurred and in cases of existing social exclusion, including its most extreme form, homelessness. From the very beginning when Naděje worked with refugees, one of its fundamental principles has been to be multicultural and multiethnic, both in relation to clients and in hiring employees and volunteer workers.

We take an individual approach to each client, and help is always tailored to meet the client's needs. In each person we strive to see a human being, God's creature, who always has a right to maintain human dignity. After the client's immediate needs have been looked after (meal, personal hygiene, clothing, medical treatment), the priorities are to find the client a place to live or at least temporary accommodation and to find a job for those who are able to work. We are confident that our activities help to maintain social cohesion.

Integration Program	Prague Vysoké Mýto Česká Třebová Plzeň Jablonec nad Nisou Mladá Boleslav
Senior Citizens Program	Nedašov Vysoké Mýto Brno Zlín Prague
Program for the Mentally Handicapped	Otrokovice Zlín Nedašov
Foster Care	Litomyšl

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INTEGRATION PROGRAM

As its name would imply, the Integration Program's goal is to reintegrate, find a place for, and return to society individuals who find themselves at society's margins, for any reason. It is focused not only on socially excluded people, but also on those who are in immediate danger of being excluded from society.

The Integration Program is realized primarily through the Prague, Česká Třebová, Plzeň, Jablonec nad Nisou, Vysoké Mýto and Mladá Boleslav branches.

Originally, the Integration Program was designed for refugees. Today in Prague its primary role is helping the homeless to find their way back to society. It also helps young people that are leaving orphanages and young people that are threatened by various addictions. These days it is very easy to become homeless. The increasing unemployment rate and deteriorating housing situation have caused a constant rise in the number of people who find themselves on the street. However, there are many causes why particular people end up on the street. In addition to unemployment, which has already been mentioned, the causes include families falling apart, long-term illnesses, return from serving a prison sentence or departure from orphanages upon reaching the age of majority, as well as addictions to drugs or other substances.

In Prague, where most people who find themselves in this situation end up at the Main Train Station – and they aren't just people from Prague, they come from all over the Czech Republic – Naděje has a Day Center in Bolzanova Street near the Main Train Station where social „first aid“ is provided. At this center we provide people with food from the food bank (funded by sponsor donations), personal hygiene facilities, clothing, health care and, particularly, interviews with social workers who try to help clients, for instance with obtaining official papers, finding a job and, in general, to work with the client to find a way „up and out“ of his or her situation. Linked to this Day Center are first-, second- and third-stage shelters, each providing accommodation with varying levels of comfort and for varying lengths of stay.

The Integration Program in Prague also includes two centers for young people. The first is located at Bolzanova 7 and focuses on preventing drug addiction, primarily through field workers (at squats, in the streets, etc.) and work inside the center. The center's workers also organize lectures and discussion groups at schools. The second center for young people is the Halfway House in Prague 10. Halfway houses help people get integrated into society. Ours helps mainly boys from orphanages, giving them a helping hand on their way to independence so that these young people don't end up on the street or in prison.

Next to young people, another group threatened by social exclusion are lonely elderly people. Often their lives and fates are very dramatic and sad. For these people we are building a Senior Citizens Home in Záběhlice. The purpose of the whole project is to give these old people, who often die alone in the streets, a dignified place to spend their final days.

The Plzeň branch runs a home for rent debtors through the Integration Program. The people living in this home are in immediate danger of social exclusion. Therefore, our workers endeavor to motivate them to find a job and a place of their own to live in, thereby preventing that exclusion. The causes why a person or even an entire family are forcibly moved into a shelter for rent debtors are often similar to the reasons why people become homeless.

Pictures on this page:

Jabloneček u Mimoně – There's not much fun in a refugee camp

Perhaps the most well-known center is the „Bolzanka“ Day Center near the Prague Main Train Station

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Other facilities that are part of the Integration Program are located in Jablonec nad Nisou – a homeless shelter for men (a day center and winter shelter will open this year) and in Mladá Boleslav – a day center with crisis beds. In smaller towns such as these two there are less homeless people and therefore our centers act as day centers and emergency shelters and help resolve crisis situations, especially in the winter months.

Jiřetín pod Bukovou in the Jablonec nad Nisou District is the site of the Integration Program's latest project, concentrating on helping men recently released from prison who in many cases have nowhere to go and end up on the street. The Halfway House will give at least some of them a helping hand in reintegrating themselves into society. At the House we offer them accommodation, but more importantly, the possibility of a job in a nearby wooden toy factory as well as the presence of a social worker to help them solve their day-to-day problems.

The Integration Program's operations in Česká Třebová and Vysoké Mýto are similar. These involve work with people who are socially weak, often marginalized by society, mainly of Romany origins. Since their integration into our society is extremely difficult, we focus most of our efforts on children and youth, emphasizing the building of multiethnic and multicultural relationships.

Ilja and Vlastimila Hradecký wrote a book on the phenomenon of social exclusion called „Homelessness – Extreme Exclusion“, which was published by Naděje with the support of a Phare grant in 1996. In this publication you will find a detailed analysis of the causes of homelessness as well as other interesting information. You can order the publication at Naděje's main office.

Pictures on this page:

Hygiene, clothing, medical care, counseling, help in finding a job, church services and, of course, meals – that is the role of the day center (Prague, Bolzanova 5)

Several people to a room, simple furnishings, but cleanliness and tidiness that our clients maintain themselves – this is how our shelters look (Jablonec nad Nisou)

Social intervention in families can prevent many problems – it is necessary to work primarily with children and gain the trust of their parents (Mladá Boleslav)

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SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

This program has been going since 1991. It includes running Senior Citizens Homes in Nedašov, Vysoké Mýto, Brno and Zlín, home care in Brno and Zlín, care services and day and multiday activity centers in Brno.

Senior Citizens Homes provide permanent, year-round accommodations in single- and double rooms with their own bathroom facilities. Each client may add his or her own furnishings to the rooms. In terms of the scope and quality of services we endeavor to approach the living standard in similar facilities in Western Europe. In addition to accommodation, the homes offer all-day meal service, even for those with special meal needs, a permanent on-site healthcare service and other services

such as rehabilitation, massage and pedicure. Much attention is paid to getting seniors involved in activities and giving them ways to make good use of their leisure time. This is the job of social workers who run work therapy programs and other activities. Spiritual and pastoral care according to each individual client's religion is an integral part of the care we provide.

The goal of the care service and home care is to help seniors without them having to leave their homes. This type of help is very effective because it enables old people to remain in the environment they are familiar with, since this has a very positive effect on their physical and mental health. The care providers in the care service help old people with their household chores, personal hygiene, grocery shopping, going on walks, etc. The home care program also employs nurses who are qualified to give certain types of medical treatment such as gauze wrapping, injections, administering medication, etc.

The day activity centers' job is to help seniors lead active lives and not lose social contacts with other people. The services provided here are primarily social (e.g. various lectures, discussion groups, exhibits, video showings, concerts), health-related (e.g. measuring blood pressure, body temperature, administering medication, injections, etc.) and reconditional (relaxation exercises, massages, outdoor walks and trips) in character.

The multi-day activity centers provide temporary accommodations to elderly people who for various reasons cannot be cared for by their families, but whose health is not good enough to allow them to live independently. Accommodation in these facilities is for a three-month period in most cases, with the possibility to renew. In addition to accommodation, these facilities provide meals, on-site health care services and other services. They also provide „respite care“ to families that care for an elderly or invalid family members.

Pictures on this page:

(Page 24) Even old age can be lived actively and in the company of others (Brno – Bohunice) ...

(Page 24) ... in motion, using rehabilitation exercises (Zlín) ...

(Page 25) ... in the public interest (elections in Nedašov) ...

(Page 25) ... in handicrafts as part of ergotherapy (Vysoké Mýto) ...

(Page 25) ... and in providing meals in a dignified setting (Brno-Bohunice)

Poems by Zdeňka Vodičková, resident of Vysoké Mýto Senior Citizens Center

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PROGRAM FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

In the past, people with mental handicaps were at the margins of society's interest. Today their position is slowly changing for the better and society has begun to realize that these people, too, are an integral part of it and, what is more, that they can enrich it in many ways.

This thought was behind the creation of the Program for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth in Zlín and Otrokovice. The goal of the Program is universal development of the personalities of handicapped people by taking a differentiated approach to each individual and integrating him or her into society. We are building the Program as an integrated system for children from three years of age up adulthood, as well as for various degrees of mental handicaps, including combined defects.

The Program offers three types of services. First, there is a day center for young people with lighter forms of mental handicap, which opened in Zlín in 1992. These people are capable of getting involved in a variety of activities such as games, sports (the most popular disciplines being table tennis, swimming, football and cross-country skiing) and work in a protected workshop, which must be designed to meet their needs. Therefore, each of them receives an individualized work plan. In the beginning, clients that attended the center daily were given mainly simple, routine work such as applying adhesive labels, working in the garden, or making pillows. Today, in addition to household chores, they mainly weave beautiful carpets on hand looms, do basket-weaving and make candles out of beeswax. The work itself and its products bring our clients, and not only them, joy and satisfaction. A protected workshop for the handicapped was also opened at the Assisted Living Center in Nedašov. The young people who attend this facility help in cleaning and tidying the center and work outside in the garden or the greenhouses.

A ceramic workshop with kiln and other possibilities for handiwork is also part of the facilities of the Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth in Otrokovice. The Home offers children and young people, mainly those with more serious mental handicaps, in many cases combined with other conditions (epilepsy, blindness, physical handicaps), year-round room and board, as well as other services. In working with our clients, we place great emphasis on tailoring care to each and every individual. Everyone is involved according to his or her ability in an educational process which aims to discover and mobilize his or her talents. Under the leadership of experienced teachers and caregivers, even children formerly considered unsuitable for education have been able to develop their personalities. For development of physical skills, rehabilitation and recreation,

the Home is equipped with a gym, a music therapy room, wading pools and other facilities where the youngsters can play. When the weather is nice, the garden is also very popular with its sandbox and playground.

A Home for Mentally Handicapped Youth was also opened in the vicinity of the day center in Zlín. Here young people who manage common household chores such as tidying up, shopping, washing, ironing and cooking with just a little help from caregivers have found a home. The caregivers are also responsible for helping clients to find good ways to spend their leisure time when not working in the protected workshop or attending programs at the day center.

Since we want to keep building the Program for the Mentally Handicapped as a comprehensive program, in the future we hope to arrange for protected housing for our clients as well.

Pictures on these pages:

(Page 26) Drawing by Roman from the Home in Otrokovice

(Page 26) Ergotherapy at the protected workshop gives clients a feeling of being useful (Zlín, making Easter presents)

(Page 26) Even children with very serious handicaps and combined defects can be motivated to activity (Otrokovice)

(Page 27) Drawing by Little Josef from the Home in Otrokovice

(Page 27) Sport, too, helps in building self-confidence and getting more out of life (Zlín, „Rams“ sport team)

(Page 27) The joy of movement in nature in the mountains, by the sea, or in the garden (children from Otrokovice)

(Page 27) Kids are thankful for every bit of attention from adults (Otrokovice)

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FOSTER FAMILY CARE

Children who don't grow up in families have problems in their lives, especially when leaving care institutions, both with themselves and with setting up families of their own. They aren't familiar with the roles of fathers and mothers, they don't feel much responsibility for their lives, they don't know how to manage money and in general are not prepared, in many cases, to take on the challenges of personal and family life. For these and many other reasons, many of them end up in prison or on the street. From our own experience we know that a high percentage of homeless people are people who grew up in orphanages or other child care institutions.

The ideal environment for a child's healthy development is a complete family. The aim of our project, for which preparations began in 1992 in Litomyšl, is to provide this environment to children who would otherwise have grown up in an institution. After a demanding renovation of a donated house, two open foster families moved into it in 1997. In addition to their own children, these families accept other, abandoned children. Much emphasis is placed on integrating the children into society. For this purpose, the house also includes a clubhouse and gym, where children from around the neighborhood come to play.

In order to live, each individual needs to have not only his or her material needs satisfied, but also emotional and spiritual needs. Families that have decided to accept abandoned children into foster care want to provide them not just with a roof over their heads, but in particular love and an example that will accompany them throughout their whole life.

Pictures on this page:

Drawing by Jožka Baláž, member of the Marosz family

An open family – that is the chance of a lifetime for abandoned children (Litomyšl, children from the Fikejs and Marosz families)

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MISSIONARY PROGRAM

This program is interwoven throughout all of Naděje's activities and forms the substance of our efforts. For us, „ministry“ does not mean forcing others to accept our ideas, but rather bringing to them the joyful news of God and Jesus Christ. This gospel message goes hand in hand with efforts to bring help to the needy in their physical and material needs.

At the beginning, in the refugee camps and in the first years of Naděje's work in Prague, thanks to donations from domestic and foreign givers we gave away several thousand Evangeliums, hundreds of New Testaments and entire Bibles, as well as a wealth of other Christian literature and brochures. These publications and books were not only in the Czech language, but also in Slovak, Russian, Romanian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, English, German, Albanian, French, and even in Tatar and Mongolian, and other languages.

Another part of Naděje's activity from the very beginning are worship services. Today, around 100 clients attend church each Sunday in Prague's Bolzanova Street center for the homeless. Regular daily morning and Sunday services are also held at the Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto. At the Assisted Living Center in Nedašov, clients can choose between regular services at the Home or free transportation to a nearby church. At the other branches, clerical workers visit elderly and handicapped clients according to their confession of faith.

The Missionary Center in the Home for Abandoned Children in Litomyšl aims to prevent pathological social phenomena, especially among young people.

Naděje has also lent its auspices to a project to publish a Dictionary of Christian Terms for the Hearing Impaired in the form of a book, a CD-ROM and on videocassette. The terms in this dictionary, which are mostly missing from other available dictionaries for the hearing impaired, should help the hearing impaired to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom He offers.

Of course, not just professional ministers, but also most of our employees try in their daily conversations with clients to tell about the love of Jesus Christ for all people in a way that they can understand. Bible study classes are also held for clients who are interested in deeper study of the Word.

Pictures on this page:

Services are offered to everyone, according to their confession and wishes (Brno-Bohunice)

Christmas Eve with the homeless at Bolzanova Street brings mutual happiness to the homeless, center workers and volunteers (1993)

Church services are a regular event at the Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto

Handicapped people have a right to spiritual care, too (Zlín)

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HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

The development of comprehensive programs for the abandoned, the elderly and the handicapped led to a need for a healthcare program that would provide medical care, including general and specialized physician and nursing care.

A general practitioner's office was opened at the Bolzanova Street center in Prague, mainly for homeless people, whose healthcare needs are often neglected. The physician here conducts regular checkups for the clients who come to the center, diagnosing transmittable diseases, dressing wounds and skin disorders, which are frequent, providing treatment for acute illnesses, but mostly helping clients to be more aware and take more responsibility for their own health. In the winter months, when there is widespread illness of the upper respiratory system and other conditions, the physician must often deal with situations when he or she ordered bedrest for the patient, knowing full well that the patient has no roof over his or her head, much less a bed to rest in. A residential ward opened this year next to the physician's office will help to change this situation.

The general practitioner's office at the Assisted Living Center in Vysoké Mýto is part of the comprehensive range of services provided at this facility. Healthcare services are supplemented by rehabilitation therapy, magnetotherapy and a dietary counselling.

The internal medicine and geriatric clinic, which is part of the Brno Branch, focuses its care on senior citizens. In addition to her clinical duties, the doctor provides entrance physicals for clients in the Multi-day Center and the Assisted Living Center. Care for seniors in Brno also includes another facility: a psychiatric and gerontopsychiatric clinic.

Pictures on this page:

General practitioner's office at the Assisted Living Center in Brno-Královo Pole, Ptačínský Street

General practitioner's office in Prague, Bolzanova Street, is unique in the Republic in providing medical care to the homeless

The presence of a doctor at the Assisted Living Center gives residence a sense of security (Vysoké Mýto)

Healthcare services also include rehabilitation and massage therapy (magnetotherapy in Vysoké Mýto)

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FOOD AID

Food aid stood at the very beginning of Naděje's activity, when it handed out food to refugees, first at Prague's Holešovice Station and in the former Hotel Flora, and later in refugee camps. In the first years Naděje also organized aid shipments to

foreign countries – Bosnia, Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan and Romania. During and after the flood of 1997 we got involved in providing food aid to the flood-hit areas in Moravia.

Today, food aid is provided mainly through the Integration Programs. The objective of this aid is to build a network of food banks according to the European Food Bank Charter. A food bank gathers donated foods and distributes them to needy people on the basis of the motto „what you receive for free, may you give for free as well“. Food is only distributed under the condition that its shelf life has not expired or a shelf life extension certificate has been issued. In this way, food aid is secured for the homeless in Prague, Jablonec nad Nisou, Mladá Boleslav and Plzeň. Food from the food bank is also to form the basis for meals cooked in the social cafeteria for elderly and socially weak citizens which we hope to open next year in the Emauzy Monastery complex. Further development of food aid is limited, especially in Prague, by insufficient warehouse space.

Pictures on this page:

Day center at Bolzanova 5, Prague

Loading rice on a truck bound for Sarajevo (1994)

Handing out food at the train station (1992)

The need for food is a fundamental physiological need of the human being, whether old or young, rich or poor; food aid has been given special attention ever since the very beginning.

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ACTIVITIES OF NADĚJE'S BRANCHES

Naděje was founded in Prague and its first activities took place there. After several months of working in refugee camps, Naděje returned to Prague and began to develop in leased space. At the same time, negotiations began on new work in Nedašov and the Zlín District. This formed the basis for the organization's division into branches. We commence new work in a new location only in cases when local needs are compatible with our capabilities to provide for them. No less important is the availability of suitable space and financial support from local sources, even though State subsidies still make up a substantial portion of the operating budget.

Picture captions: Example of children's artwork in ceramics (Otrokovice)

Table: see opposite.

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PRAGUE

The Prague Branch, established in 1991, was Naděje's first branch. Before it was founded, Naděje worked on a volunteer basis in refugee camps. This was the first activity in what was later to become the Integration Program, which aims to help people at the margins of society to return to a meaningful life. In order to achieve this aim, „front line“ day centers, and first-, second- and third-stage shelters are built.

Work in Prague began in a former propaganda center in Rumunská Street in Prague 2. This center acted as an office, a warehouse, a place for worship services, but most importantly it was a place for contact with clients. At the beginning, our clients were mainly refugees from various foreign countries, but in time more and more Czechs and Slovaks who found themselves without a roof over their heads began to arrive. Alongside the Rumunská Street center, in June 1991 we opened a dietary cafeteria for senior citizens in Belgická Street and a shelter for refugees, later for the homeless, in Šafaříkova Street. In August 1991 we opened a boarding house for children with families at 23 Varšavská Street. Today, these four original centers in Prague 2 are no longer in operation.

The main office of the Prague Branch, and of Naděje as a whole, was moved from Rumunská Street first to Na Slupi Street (in May 1992) a later to its current location at 37 Varšavská Street (in September 1994).

In March 1992 the shelter at Varšavská 23 was closed and a boarding house in Na Slupi street in Prague 2 was opened to take its place. This facility, which housed mothers with children at first, and homeless men later, now serves as a shelter for homeless women.

The dietary cafeteria for senior citizens in Belgická Street closed its doors for good in December 1995 when the lease ended. In order to provide similar services to our elderly and socially weak fellow citizens, especially those in Prague 1 and Prague 2,

we started a project for a social cafeteria at the Emauzy Monastery in Prague 2. The building renovation is being carried out by the monastery itself, and we expect the cafeteria to begin operating next year.

The shelter in Šafaříkova Street was closed in January 1996. Today we can offer our clients year-round board at the shelter in Husitská Street near the Main Train Station (capacity 50, opened in December 1996) and in a second-line boarding house in Krásova Street, Prague 3 (capacity 18, opened in April 1993). For two years now, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, the City Social Aid and Prevention Center, and the Prague Mayor's Office, we open a winter shelter in Spytihněvova Street, under the Nuselský Bridge, during the winter months.

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Praha (1991)	Integration Program Senior Citizens Program Healthcare Program Food Aid	Day Centers Shelters Halfway House Aid Center (clothing) Multi-day Center Assisted Living Center (project 2001-2002) General practitioner Food bank
Nedašov (1991)	Senior Citizens Program Program for the Mentally Handicapped	Assisted Living Center Protected work
Vysoké Mýto (1992)	Senior Citizens Program Integration Program Healthcare Program	Assisted Living Center Romany Program General practitioner
Zlín (1992)	Program for the Mentally Handicapped Senior Citizens Program	Home for Young People Day Center Protected work Assisted Living Center Home care
Brno (1992)	Senior Citizens Program Healthcare Program	Assisted Living Center Multi-day Center Day Center Home care Nursing care service Specialized physicians
Otrokovice (1993)	Program for the Mentally Handicapped Healthcare Program	Home for Children and Youth Protected work Specialized physician
Litomyšl (1996)	Foster Family Care	Home for Abandoned Children
Česká Třebová (1998)	Integration Program	Romany Program
Plzeň (1999)	Integration Program	Social intervention in families
Jablonec nad Nisou (1999)	Integration Program	Shelter Day Center Halfway House
Mladá Boleslav (1999)	Integration Program	Day Center Social intervention
All branches (since 1990)	Missionary Program	Pastoral and evangelical work

Pictures on page 33:

Before the Center in Bolzanova Street was built, food was trucked to the train station and handed out to homeless people there (1991-1992)

Homeless people frequently suffer from fatigue, lack of sleep, cold and hunger

Christmas at Bolzanova Street Center

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In March, 1992, our work expanded to include nursing care and home care in Radotín, a suburb of Prague. Today, Radotín is home to a day center for lonely elderly men with a capacity of 8, located in a house with a yard.

The core of our work in Prague goes on at the „front line“ Integration Program center in Bolzanova Street near the Main Train Station. The center was opened in November 1992 and was expanded in December 1994 when we opened a general physician's office here for homeless people. The Bolzanova Street Center is visited daily by several dozen clients, a number which climbs into the hundreds during the winter. The Center offers them food aid, health care, personal hygiene, legal, social and work counselling, help in arranging for ID cards and other documents, and accommodation at our shelters and boarding houses. An important part of integrating clients into society is teaching them how to work, giving them an opportunity to build up good work habits, and a sense of responsibility. For this reason, our very first effort immediately after basic human needs have been satisfied is to involve clients in work, through work therapy, odd jobs, and in particular regular, full-time employment.

For socially weak citizens and families, two aid centers were opened in April and December 1993 in Krásova Street and Na Slupi Street, respectively, that provide help with clothing and footwear. Both of these centers are still in operation. In the beginning, the Na Slupi Center also distributed food aid in the form of lunch packets.

In Prague, the Integration Program does not limit its concentration only to homeless people. It also cares for people who are in immediate danger of social exclusion. Amongst the threatened groups are young people who grew up in child-care institutions and young people threatened by drug and other addictions. Two centers have been opened in Prague to help these young people. The first is the Halfway House in Rybalkova Street in Prague 10. An old-style apartment building owned by the city, Rybalkova 10 was in very poor repair. Renovation work began in October 1994. First, necessary work was undertaken to allow the building to serve as a homeless shelter during the winter of 1995-1996. Afterwards, in April 1996, the complete renovation began. The grand opening was held in June 1997. The Halfway House is designed for young men up to 25 years of age, to whom it extends a helping hand in giving them a start in living independently. The second center for young people is the Day Center at 7 Bolzanova Street, near the center for the homeless. Here, social workers work with young people to try to find meaning in their lives and fill up their free time, to ensure that they do not resort to drugs or alcohol for fun or an escape. The center was opened in March 1997.

Pictures on this page:

Center for lonely elderly men in Radotín

Work and work therapy are an important part of integrating clients into society

A heavily damaged apartment building that used to house a squatter camp, was renovated into a temporary home for young people released from child-care institutions (Halfway House in Vršovice)

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Construction work and building renovations have been part of the Prague Branch's activities throughout its history. December 1998 marked the beginning of the largest project to date: the complete renovation of the former Village School in Prague 10 – Záběhlice, which, when completed, is to serve as a Assisted Living Center. We are carrying out the renovation from grants and donations from many donors and using in-house labor. Once the building was vacated and structurally secured, the outside facade was completed last year. Even though there is still much work ahead of us, we are confident that this good project will be successfully completed.

This year we are also engaged in remodelling work at the Bolzanova Street centers with the aim of building a room with beds for seriously ill homeless people next door to the General Physician's office.

When it was founded, Naděje quickly became known as a ministry and charity initiative. Why „initiative“? Because it arose spontaneously in the minds and hearts of several enthusiastic people. Why „charity“? Because we try to help the people who are poorest and worst off, most of whom cannot pay for the services they receive. Why „ministry“? Because the mission of our organization, the reason why it was founded, is not only to feed, clothe and extend a helping hand, even though these things in and of themselves are very needful and useful, but to give hope and a message that there is someone here who loves us just

the way we are, regardless of our position in society, the state of our health, the color of our skin, or our level of education. We want to spread this joyful message, this gospel of hope, especially to those who have lost all hope in this life. That's why we have been holding Sunday services from the very beginning, today in Bolzanova Street. That's why we organize Bible study courses and classes (of course, all activities are on a volunteer basis). That's why our social workers engage in pastoral and missionary work when holding personal interviews with clients.

Work with our clients is very demanding, but we believe that it brings benefits not just today, but forever.

Pictures on this page:

The former Village School in Záběhlice will be a new home for lonely elderly people

Clothing center in Na Slupi street

Worship services for the homeless are a regular feature

The Day Center is open to everyone (Bolzanova 5)

The Day Center for Young People threatened by social exclusion is the front line of the Integration Program for youth (Bolzanova 7)

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NEDAŠOV

The Assisted Living Center in Nedašov was founded in June 1991, when the first residents moved in to the former Staříč Mine recreation center. It was probably the first non-State facility of its kind in Czechoslovakia after November, 1989. Currently, 46 elderly people who have found a home here live in five separate houses at the Center, which offers them a complete range of services, from year-round accommodations, meals including provisions for those on special diets, on-site healthcare services, regular doctor visits, pastoral visits from clerical workers and regular worship services. The facility also includes a protected workshop for handicapped people who help in the day-to-day running of the Center as well as working in the gardens and greenhouses.

The facility grounds, which were donated to Naděje by the Czech Council of Humanitarian Organizations, lies in a protected natural area on an area of about one hectare (about 2 1/2 acres). The individual houses are two-story buildings, the ground floors of which house mainly immobile clients, which make up about half of the overall number. Clients live one and two to a room. Each room has separate own bath facilities and each client is free to add his or her own furnishings to the rooms to make them feel like home.

During the year, the Center's employees organize various activities and programs for clients to give them things to do in their free time. These include, for example, traditional Czech Easter celebrations, Moravian folk programs, St. Nicholas, Christmas gatherings, Mothers' Day celebrations and a pilgrimage to Hostýn.

In 1991-1996 extensive repairs were made to each building and house. It was necessary to repair all the roofs and equip the buildings with thermal insulation. After a three-year break, the construction work began again in 1999 with the reconstruction of the kitchen/cafeteria/laundry building, since the facility was originally designed as a scout camp and was equipped for this purpose. We are all confident that despite the shortage of finances, this project will be completed so that the new kitchen and laundry can make a positive contribution to the quality of care for our clients and improved working conditions for our workers.

Pictures on these pages:

(Page 36) This is how Nedašov looked fifty years ago...

(Page 36)... and this is how it looks today

(Page 37) On-site health care service is a matter of course

(Page 37) Work in the greenhouse brings satisfaction and goodies for the kitchen

(Page 37) Merry Moravian folk festivals

Poem by Irena Schwarzová

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VYSOKÉ MÝTO

ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

The idea to make use of a prefab concrete apartment building, called a „kachlak“, left behind by the Soviet army located in the outskirts of Vysoké Mýto, for social purposes was born in the autumn of 1991. At that time, the City of Vysoké Mýto, as investor,

began to make preparations to renovate this building. The renovation itself, which was very demanding, took place in 1992 - 1994. The result is a modern Assisted Living Center complex where 80 clients are boarded in single and double rooms, ensuring that each client has his or her privacy.

The Center provides year-round housing, meals including special diets in its own cafeteria, a 24-hour on-site healthcare service, a general physician's office, rehabilitation therapy including massages and magnetotherapy, physical therapy and work therapy led by experienced social workers. The residents may also visit regular daily worship services in a chapel located right in the Center, morning exercises and singing, social evenings and many other programs that are organized just for them. They can also sit and chat in the tea room and take advantage of a professionally run library. To keep clients informed and in a good mood, the Home broadcasts its own radio program over the P.A. system to all residents. All the workers try kindly and patiently to help our clients spend the years at the dusk of their lives in peace, joy, love as well as useful activity, thereby showing them the hope that God offers to all people, hope of eternal life, life without pain, illness and dying.

Pictures on this page:

Renovation of Soviet-built apartment building for social use was the first project of its kind in Czechoslovakia („before“ and „after“ pictures)

Activity-inducing programs such as „Babiččin vršek“ are social events as well

Ergotherapy, that means handiwork and especially talking about everything under the sun, with remembrances of days gone by

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HUSOVA CENTER

Work at the Husova Street center began in October 1998 in buildings on the outskirts of town, which house around 200 people from the lowest social classes, most of them of Romany descent. At the instigation of City Hall, our workers began to conduct social intervention work here amongst the inhabitants of these buildings. This work involves mainly counselling, missionary and pastoral work and finding activities to fill up the free time of children and young people. The activities were expanded in November 1999 when the City completed and handed over for use a new building that stands next to the older ones.

Work in this center is very demanding. Some situations can even be dangerous and great courage, love and patience is required in dealing with day-to-day situations. Most of all our attention is focused on children and youth, for whom we organize various games and competitions, as well as tutoring and homework supervision. In working with youth, we try to motivate them to gain job qualifications, we talk with them about married life, parenthood, and responsibility in life. Our workers try to take advantage of the natural gifts that Romany children have for music and dance in dance classes, which are very popular and well attended by the children. Volunteer workers from various churches, especially the Unity of Baptist Brethren, give to both children and adults the joyous message of the Lord Jesus and his love to all people and along with it the moral values that are so important in today's world. We believe that, in the future, our work will bring positive results, especially in the children, even though we are already seeing the fruits of our labors, for example, in the form of better relations amongst the tenement residents.

Pictures on this page:

Our beginnings looked like this...

The clubhouse is generally full of the laughter of happy children

Drawing by Romany child at the Husova Center

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ZLÍN

DAY CENTER AND PROTECTED WORKSHOP

Work in Zlín began in April 1992 with the opening of a day center with a protected workshop for mentally handicapped young adults who had lost their jobs at the Invalids' Co-operative or were registered at the Employment Office. The day center and its protected workshop give them a meaningful way to spend their lives and develop their abilities and skills. In the workshops, young people are engaged in work activities such as weaving rugs on hand looms, basket weaving, or making candles out of beeswax. They also work in the garden or help in the kitchen. No matter what the work, they dive in with great enthusiasm and joy, which in turn brings encouragement and happiness to the social workers and teachers who work here. Popular activities also include sports, especially table tennis, swimming, volleyball, football and cross-country skiing in the wintertime.

Since 1998, the sports team Naděje Rams Zlín has been a member of the Czech Special Olympics Movement. The Rams participate in and even organize their own competitions at various levels, in which they have performed very well. The fun at the day center also includes education, which is conducted in cooperation with the Pedagogical Center of the Special Boarding School in Zlín.

Pictures on this page:

Hand-woven rugs are a popular item

The Rams really like to compete

People with mental handicaps return with gratitude every sign of friendship from „unhandicapped“ people

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HOME FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

In late 1994, a Home for 12 young mentally handicapped people was opened to supplement the day center. Here, residents learn to be independent and responsible adults under the guidance of social workers. They also attend the programs offered by the day center, which is only a few steps away.

ASSISTED LIVING CENTER AND HOME CARE

The Home Care program in the City of Zlín and its surrounding areas commenced in 1997. It was further developed by the opening of the Assisted Living Center in September, 1998. The Assisted Living Center, which was established in a former nursery school, can house up to 47 people, most of whom are elderly and immobile. From October 1997 to July 1998 the building was used for temporary housing of mentally handicapped children from Otrokovice, who lost their home in the flooding of July, 1997. Since the building is surrounded by a garden, even though it is in the center of town it provides a pleasant and peaceful environment for its residents. The Home operates year-round, 24-hours a day. In addition to room and board, it offers elderly people a meaningful way to fill up their leisure time and other services.

Pictures on this page:

Activity slows down the aging process ...

The Assisted Living Center is surrounded by greenery

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BRNO

The Brno Branch is focused on providing comprehensive care to elderly residents of the City of Brno. The first activity the branch started in 1992 was a nursing care service. That service gradually developed to the point where today it and home care are provided throughout the entire city.

Another service provided by the Brno Branch is the operation of day centers. The first such center opened in 1993 in the Brno Municipal Spa building, „Na Ponávce“. This day center was unique in that in the first years of its activity it succeeded in arranging free swimming for our clients in the Municipal Spa pool. The Na Ponávce day center is in operation to this day and, like the other day centers operated by the Brno Branch, it provides social aid (an opportunity to make social contacts), cultural activities (such as round-table discussions, lectures, listening to music, and lending of books and magazines), health-related social services, and spiritual care. Two more day centers are located in Bohunice (established in 1994) and Řečkovice (established in 1998), also in former nursery schools. In addition to all the services mentioned above, in these centers we also provide meals (lunches). The newest day center was opened this year at the Branch's main office in Vinohrady. Despite its short time in operation, it is already in high gear, offering specialized lectures in a wide variety of subjects (for example safety & security, medicine), a legal advice center and cultural programs.

The multi-day centers are the third service offered to senior citizens and their families. These are facilities for temporary stays, usually up to three months. Multi-day centers were opened in 1997 in Bohunice and in 1998 in Řečkovice in the same buildings as the day centers. The multi-day center in Bohunice has a capacity of 20 beds and the one in Řečkovice has 25 beds.

Naděje's Brno Branch also operates a Assisted Living Center in Ptačínský Street. This former apartment building underwent an extensive (and expensive) renovation in 1995-1997. The grand opening was held in July 1997. The facility offers year-round assisted living for 26 clients (today, most of the inhabitants are women), including board, missionary and pastoral care. In

order to utilize residents' free time and make life in the Home more pleasant a variety of cultural events are organized – including performances by professional and amateur artists from the Greater Brno area.

The last facilities that fill out the range of services for senior citizens are the specialized physicians' offices. These include an internal medicine and geriatric clinic as well as a psychiatric and gerontopsychiatric clinic, both located in the Assisted Living Center in Ptašinský Street.

Pictures on these pages:

(Page 42) *The day center in the Municipal Spa building was the first*

(Page 42) *Physical and mental activity helps seniors get the most out of the autumn of life*

(Page 43) *The day and multi-day centers in Bohunice and Řečkovice give seniors the chance to sit in the garden*

(Page 43) *The Assisted Living Center in Ptašinský Street is set up for year-round living*

(Page 43) *Each person can bring their own furniture to the Assisted Living Center to make themselves feel at home – Ptašinský Street*

(Page 42) *Poem by Antonín Borkovec, client of the day center in Brno-Bohunice*

(Page 43) *Poem by Leontina Molíšová (1913), client of the multi-day center in Brno-Řečkovice*

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OTROKOVICE

Preparatory discussions on the opening of a Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth in Otrokovice at a former kindergarten began as early as 1992. The Home was opened in cooperation with the Zlín District Office in January 1993. The first residents were children and young people, most of them with serious mental handicaps, in many cases combined with other defects. In 1995 a new building was added on to the original one, increasing the facility's capacity to 47.

The history of the Home is relatively short, but very tempestuous. The tempest in question was the Great Flood of July, 1997, which flooded the Home to a height of 3 1/2 meters (10 feet). Restoration of the Home was carried out in record time, so that the children were able to move back into a completed rebuilt and expanded Home in July, 1998. Today the Home has a capacity of over 50 in five departments according to degree of disability. The children are cared for by a team of professional healthcare workers, teachers, social workers, and a physical therapist. The Home also has its own workshop with a ceramics kiln and other arts & crafts equipment for handwork, a physical therapy facility with a massage bath, a spa, and a small swimming pool and a gym. The music therapy room is equipped with a waterbed and music reproduction equipment.

We also remember the children's education, which is provided for in a special school located directly in the Home. The children are also given a chance to engage in sports. Fifteen young athletes in five disciplines are registered with the Czech Special Olympics Movement.

All the workers strive to create a true home for the children in the Home, among other ways by involving children who have the ability in simple housework or work in the garden and the greenhouse, all of which are part of the facilities along with lawns, a gazebo, a sandbox, and other places for children to play. In the hallways and rooms the walls are decorated with artwork from the ceramics workshop, dried flower arrangements and other handicrafts created by the children themselves, with the help of their teachers.

The Home also serves as a day center for children and young people who live in Otrokovice, where they can spend part of the day. Most of them get involved in working in the protected workshop.

Pictures on this page:

Some of the children have very serious combined handicaps

Drawings by children from the Home in Otrokovice

Each mentally handicapped child has a unique personality which can be developed. The goal is always to achieve the highest possible degree of self-sufficiency.

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RENEWAL OF OTROKOVICE

In July 1997, Moravia and East Bohemia were hit by extensive flooding which caused great material damage. On July 9, 1997, the flood wave reached Otrokovice and for several days, the entire Bařov (Bahňák) city district and the Home for Mentally Handicapped

Children and Youth along with it was flooded to a height of 3 1/2 meters (10 feet). After the water fell and the building was emptied, cleaned of mud, and dried, work began on rebuilding the Home. The two original pavilions were completely renovated and a new pavilion was added. The renovation, carried out by Pozemní stavitelství Zlín according to a design by Ateliér 91, was completed in record time. The grand opening of the new Home was held on July 9, 1998, exactly one year after the Home was flooded. A large number of generous donors, including some from abroad, helped to finance the rebuilding of the Home. Without their help and contributions, it would not have been possible to carry out such a major renovation in such a short time.

Pictures on this page:

The new white pavilion was completed in 1996...

... the flood came in 1997

... and in July, 1998 we could start again, thanks to many generous donors

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LITOMYŠL

HOME FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN

The beginnings of our work in Litomyšl date back to 1992, when a Czech-American family, the Plchas, offered an old house in Matěj Kuděj Street for social work with children. The road to making use of the property, however, was very long. In 1995, work began on a complete renovation and expansion of the building with major financial help from the Swiss association Licht im Osten. The goal was to create two independent apartments for open foster families who accept children into foster care. Phase One of the construction work was completed in March 1997. In April the first family moved in and the second family followed in September. Phase Two of the renovation was finished in May, 1998, and the grand opening ceremony was held on June 27, 1998. Today, the Fikejs family has five children and the Marosz's have six.

Pictures on this page:

The Marosz children

The Fikejs children

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MISSIONARY CENTER

In addition to raising children in foster families, the Home also serves as a missionary center for children from the surrounding neighborhood. The Missionary Center has a clubroom and gym and its activities are focused on making use of kids' free time. Camps are organized in the summer and during the rest of the year several weekend programs were held in addition to regular meetings. All of the activities are designed to help children find meaning in their lives, develop real values, and protect them from the negative influences of alcohol, drugs and other addictions. The faith-related aspects of the center are run by volunteers, mainly from the Unity of Brethren Church in Litomyšl.

The missionary center's activities fulfill the project's goal, which was not only to build a house for foster families as closed communities, but rather to create open families that accept new children into foster family care as well as making contacts with children in the surrounding area.

Pictures on this page:

Finding good ways for children and youth to spend their free time is the best prevention against pathological social phenomena

The multi-purpose hall can be divided up and can serve as a gym, a clubhouse, or an assembly hall for children from the Home and the town – it is also used by the Missionary Center

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ČESKÁ TŘEBOVÁ

Work in Česká Třebová began in March 1997. At that time, the City of Česká Třebová had just finished renovating a former Soviet-army apartment building and had decided to build 53 small apartments in it to house socially weak citizens and citizens

on the margins of society. Therefore, in order to preserve the City's investment in the property, a tender was announced to find an organization to operate social and administrative services in the building.

The house is staffed 24-hours. Our work is conducted in two areas. The first is social activity, particularly among children and young people. There are nearly 80 children living in the building, for whom we adapted some rooms in the basement to serve as a multi-purpose clubhouse. Here the children receive tutoring and take part in various competitions and games, during which they learn things such as basic personal hygiene. In September 1999 we established the „David“ club here, which is attended regularly by about twenty Romany children. When working with adults, our employees focus primarily on counselling, especially in solving day-to-day problems, on creating good interpersonal relationships with neighbors, and on spiritual and pastoral care. The faith-related aspects of the work are conducted by the Unity of Brethren church in Česká Třebová, and the center's staff also come from this church. The second area of our work is 24-hour property security service and building administration.

In December 1998, the City opened a new home next door to the existing building for citizens who lost their First-Republic homes in the flood. Our activities were expanded to include this new building as well. The people who live here are in danger of social exclusion. The first experiences from working with these people show that they are in need of a helping hand. Christ died for them, too.

Pictures on this page:

Building containing social apartments in the Borek community

The clubhouse in the basement is both a school and a place to play

Drawing by a Romany child from Česká Třebová

Time spent together, that's „Club David“

This new apartment building is home to the „Venice“ neighborhood, which was damaged by the flood

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PLZEŇ

Work in Plzeň began in November 1998, after negotiations with the Plzeň Mayor's Office. The City renovated an apartment house with 20 units in Železniční Street, near the train station, for renters who owe rent money. Our task is to provide social, work and legal counselling to the inhabitants of this building, help them to find jobs and arrange for welfare payments. We also offer material help (including a food bank and clothing center), as well as spiritual care. Our social workers take care to ensure clients have a regular income from which they can pay their rent and health insurance, and build up their motivation to gain back the apartments they lost. They also participate in negotiations at the city district offices to select the building's residents.

Much attention is paid to the children who live in the building, for which a clubhouse was established in the first floor, where various contests, plays and other programs are organized. Another activity is a morning school program attended by children from the building and surrounding neighborhood, which began in cooperation with the Family Association. Here children learn various rhymes, how to recognize colors, sing songs, etc. Starting in February of this year, the afternoon „Kids Klub“ offers ways for school-age children to spend their free time, both after school and on weekends, when various weekend programs are organized. A summer camp for the summer vacation is also being planned. School children are also offered help with homework and tutoring through the club. „Musical afternoons“, where children sing and learn to play a musical instrument, have been very well received by the children.

Adults are not forgotten, either. In cooperation with the Plzeň 2 City District Office, work therapy is organized to keep up the city's playgrounds, parks and bicycle paths. Evening programs are also organized where people can watch Christian videos and participate in discussions afterwards.

Pictures on this page:

Social intervention services in evicted rent-debtor families aim to prevent social exclusion and help in reintegration

NÝRSKO

Volunteer field ministry and charity work in Nýrsko began in June 1992. The current center does not have its own space and still operates on a volunteer basis. Efforts are focused on helping lonely, elderly people and on distributing Christian literature and person-to-person missionary work.

JABLONEC NAD NISOU

THE NADĚJE HOUSE

After very positive negotiations with Jablonec nad Nisou City Hall, a homeless shelter was opened in Podhorská Street in December, 1998. Eighteen clients found emergency accommodations in the building's third floor. The project arose out of the need to find shelter in town for people without a place to live, especially in the winter months. Clients are offered accommodation, food aid, hygiene, clothing, work therapy and spiritual care. Social workers also arrange activities to fill their free time and help motivate clients to reintegrate themselves into society.

In 1999 the other floors of the building were repaired and partially renovated. We plan to open a winter shelter and day center in this space this year.

HALFWAY HOUSE IN JIŘETÍN

In cooperation with the civic association Adra, Prison Spiritual Care, the Jablonec Charity and the Rýnovice Prison, a pilot Halfway House project is beginning in Jiřetín pod Bukovou in the Jablonec nad Nisou District, mainly for men recently released from prison, but also for those on parole and for alternative sentencing.

Pictures on this page:

The City gave us this building in Podhorská Street as the Naděje House

Living space is humble and sparse, but personal hygiene is the rule

Christmas at the homeless shelter (1999)

The Detoa wooden toy factory gave us part of a building to use and is offering work

Mladá Boleslav

In the autumn of 1999, an aid center was opened in Mladá Boleslav's Štyrsova Street, in cooperation with the City. This is a day center with eight shelter beds. It was created in space in the basement of an apartment house inhabited mainly by Romanies, after a major renovation. In addition to emergency accommodations, the center also offers meals, hygiene, and work therapy in keeping the area surrounding the building clean and tidy.

The City's goal, and ours, is for the center to offer a wide range of services and help to solve crisis situations in particular. A one-room apartment with its own bathroom in the fourth floor of the same building was remodelled and opened for this purpose in 2000. Mainly it is there to provide emergency accommodations for mothers with children in times of crisis, but it is also used as a clubhouse for children from the building and surrounding neighborhood, for whom various programs are organized in cooperation with the civic association Dotyk.

Pictures on this page:

The center in Mladá Boleslav was built by the City in the basement of a social apartment building

The kids' program has attracted children from all around

In the day center we strive to satisfy the basic needs of people who are excluded from society

A playground will be located here

FINANCES

Table: see overleaf

FINANCES - NADĚJE FINANCIAL SUMMARY, 1990-2000

NADĚJE TOTAL

All numbers in thousands of CZK

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 ^{a)}
Operating costs	26.0	2,205.0	8,297.0	23,348.0	29,746.0	44,302.0	55,757.0	65,521.0	8,009.0	84,239.0	80,601.0
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs operating subsidies	0.0	400.0	5,500.0	8,415.0	16,968.0	20,200.0	25,813.0	29,007.0	30,757.0	31,165.0	32,249.0
Operating subsidies from other Ministries and State funds ¹⁾	0.0	0.0	362.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	0.0	360.0	702.0	596.0	493.0
Other State operating subsidies ²⁾	0.0	1,875.0	1,818.0	2,873.0	1,592.0	1,048.0	907.0	1,023.0	1,133.0	1,943.0	1,673.0
City government operating subsidies ³⁾	0.0	100.0	1,134.0	1,543.0	2,967.0	3,390.0	4,570.0	4,479.0	4,699.0	5,545.0	6,600.0
Other local government operating subsidies ⁴⁾	0.0	7.0	381.0	164.0	1,881.0	836.0	1,539.0	4,458.0	5,222.0	7,188.0	7,573.0
Operating Grants ⁵⁾	12.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	298.0	467.0	312.0	704.0	355.0
Investment costs	0.0	2,213.0	3,272.0	4,306.0	11,000.0	6,924.0	10,844.0	27,234.0	39,210.0	7,571.0	5,700.0
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs investment subsidies	0.0	0.0	0.0	475.0	2,942.0	0.0	6,000.0	3,514.0	920.0	360.0	2,200.0
Investment subsidies from other Ministries and State funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	2,990.0	6,600.0	0.0
Other State investment subsidies	0.0	1,284.0	620.0	185.0	4,000.0	2,930.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	72.0	0.0
City government investment subsidies	0.0	300.0	0.0	94.0	684.0	123.0	2,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other local government operating subsidies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.0	511.0	1,358.0	1,430.0	466.0	700.0
Number of employees, average	0	14	56	113	177	249	254	282	347	371	370
TOTAL operating and investment subsidies	12.0	4,004.0	9,815.0	13,749.0	31,039.0	28,581.0	41,738.0	45,696.0	48,165.0	54,639.0	51,843.0

1) Other Ministries = Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, Youth and Physical Education, Federal Ministry of Finance; State Funds = State Environmental Fund

2) Other State subsidies = District Offices, Labor Offices, Financial Authorities

3) City Governments = Prague, Brno, Plzeň

4) Other local governments = Zlín, Vysoké Mýto, Litomyšl, Česká Třebová, Kroměříž, Mělník, Jablonec nad Nisou, Mladá Boleslav; city district offices Brno-Bohunice, Brno-Řečkovice and Brno-Vinohrady; City districts Prague 1, 2, 3, 4

5) Grants = includes only grants from the Civic Society Development Foundation and the Czech Council of Humanitarian Organizations (ČRHO); in 1990 the ČRHO provided a start-up grant of CZK 50,000 which was drawn in 1991

6) Forecast

The first months of Naděje's work were characterized in particular by the enthusiasm of the time and volunteer work supplemented by the founders' own money and supported by gifts, some in cash and many more in kind, from individuals. A big incentive to become independent was the first grant, from the Czech Council of Humanitarian Organizations (a „start-up“ grant) in 1990 and the purchase of a former scout camp facility as the site for the Nedašov Assisted Living Center in 1991.

The budding Naděje's growth and development into a fully professional organization was helped by the understanding and trust placed in it by State and City officials in the form of financial support for specific projects and the lease of buildings and office space at low rent rates. Since 1991, subsidies from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs have provided a large share of the finances for Naděje's social services.

However, the constantly expanding range of services would be impossible without major support from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Physical Education, the State Environmental Fund and, in the past, the Federal Ministry of Finance. Specific projects are also supported by city governments, city district authorities, and District Offices in areas where Naděje's activities are located: the Cities of Prague, Brno, Zlín, Vysoké Mýto, Mladá Boleslav, Jablonec nad Nisou, Plzeň, Česká Třebová, Litomyšl and Otrokovice, the city districts of Prague 1, Prague 2, Prague 3, Prague 10, Prague-Radotín, Brno-Bohunice, Brno-Řečkovice, Brno-Vinohrady and the District Offices of Zlín, Svitavy and Mladá Boleslav. Protected workshops and new job opportunities are supported by the Labor Offices in Prague, Zlín, Plzeň, Mladá Boleslav, Brno, Jablonec nad Nisou and Ústí nad Orlicí.

Several projects have been supported by the Civic Society Development Foundation under the Phare Program, the Council of Humanitarian Associations, the Open Society Fund, the Divoká Husa Foundation, the United Dutch Foundation, the Canadian Fund, the British Embassy, the International Women's Club and the Good Will Committee of the Olga Havlová Foundation. The cost of restoring the Home for Mentally Handicapped Children and Youth in Otrokovice in 1997-1998 was supported by the above and, in particular, by Český Rozhlas (Czech Radio), the German Red Cross through the Czech Red Cross, the Evangelical Deaconate of Berlin, the Czech Catholic Charity, the Katholieke Noden Foundation, the Children's Welfare Stamps Foundation, churches, citizens' groups, parishes and church organizations and dozens of other donors.

Our activities are supported by hundreds of other donors, citizens, entrepreneurs, corporations and other legal entities who have contributed to Naděje in cash or in kind over the past ten years. We cannot list them all here, but they all deserve our gratitude.

PUBLICATIONS

Naděje was founded at a time of profound change in our country and our society and, what is more, amongst a new phenomenon never seen before in our country – refugees. This has drawn media attention from the very beginning. Naděje continues to be the subject of numerous newspaper articles, radio programs and television news reports and commentaries to the present day. In addition, Naděje produces its own publications, including a regular newsletter, as well as printed annual reports since 1995. In 1996 it ran a campaign to support and promote the International Year of the Eradication of Poverty.

1992 Naděje – Two Years of Work

1994 Naděje Up to 1994

1996 Naděje – Goals and Mission (Czech & English)

1996 Naděje – Goals and Mission (Czech & German)

1997 Naděje – Goals and Mission (Czech & English, 2nd revised edition)

1996 Homelessness – Extreme Exclusion (Czech original)

1997 Homelessness – Extreme Exclusion, resumé (English)

ISBN 80-902292-0-4 (Czech), ISBN 80-902292-1-2 (English)

The phenomenon of homelessness in the Czech Republic is an unexplored area. Evidently, most Czechs do not understand the causes of social exclusion in its most serious form. The prevailing negative public opinion about homeless people is a relict of fifty years without freedom. With this study, the authors have set out to chart what leads to social breakdown in people who cannot bear responsibility for their own lives, and their helplessness and feeling that there is no way out. The publication is intended in particular for civic initiatives and people who have decided to help handicapped and socially threatened fellow citizens. It can also be a source of information for State and City authorities, specialists, students, and journalists. The publication was preceded by six years of working with homeless people in Prague.

1997 Summary from a seminar of non-state non-profit organizations held in Prague, 30 April 1997

1998 Summary from a seminar on Homelessness in Europe held in Olomouc, 4 March 1998 (Czech and English versions)

1998 Summary from a seminar on the International Day for Eradication of Poverty held in Prague, 16 October 1998

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1998 „Pozdrav“ (Greeting), the newsletter of the civic association Naděje (quarterly, Issue „Zero“ published in 1997)

1997 Installation of first web site: <http://www.nadeje.cz>

1999 First web site update

2000 Second web site update

1997 Naděje – Goals and Mission (documentary video)

Sample pages from the Sign Language Dictionary of Christian Terms for the Hearing Impaired, in preparation since 1998 by an ecumenical group of deaf and non-deaf authors

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION:

2000 Ten Years of Naděje (electronic publication on CD-ROM)

2000 Ten Years of Naděje (this booklet)

2000 Web site update

2000 Sign Language Dictionary of Christian Terms (book)

2000 Sign Language Dictionary of Christian Terms (CD-ROM)

2000 Sign Language Dictionary of Christian Terms (video)

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COOPERATION

Ever since the beginning, Naděje has sought out cooperation with other groups and institutions in many different forms in order to effectively fulfill its mission. One very important partner is the State, which through its Ministries provides a large portion of the financial support Naděje receives. Also effective is cooperation between Naděje's branches and the respective District Offices, Labor Offices and City Governments, in rolling out joint projects, in leasing buildings and space, in creating special job opportunities for Naděje's clients and employees and in finding work for difficult-to-employ clients.

Another, similar form of cooperation is financial support for selected Naděje projects from grant agencies and foundations, in particular the Civic Society Development Foundation, the Czech Council of Humanitarian Organizations, the Open Society Fund and others.

Students of social and healthcare focused secondary schools and universities do internships in various positions at several Naděje branches. Dozens of volunteer workers help out as well.

Naděje maintains a number of formal and informal bilateral and multilateral relations with other non-state, non-profit organizations as well as city and state institutions. The meaning of these forms of cooperation is to provide mutual support and help to our joint clients, exchange experience and jointly monitor social issues. Examples include clothing exchanges (Úpice Deaconate), food bank help (30 organizations), a Restaurant du Coeur-type social cafeteria (Dominican Order at Emauzy), homelessness monitoring in Prague (non-state and state institutions), and participation in seminars (NROS, ICN).

Another form of cooperation is the realization of short-term and one-off projects such as a four-month winter shelter in Prague's Spytihněvova Street (with MHMP, SEZOP, AS), a Seminar on Homelessness in Europe (with FEANTSA, AS, SAD), a Seminar and Outdoor Program for the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty („Place in the Heart“ Foundation), Waves of Hope (with the City of Zlín, the Zlín Special School and other institutions).

Naděje is a member of several federations, in particular the Czech Council of Humanitarian Organizations (since 1990), the SAD Association of Homeless Shelter Operators, the ICN Club and, at the international level, the European Federation of National Associations that work with the homeless – FEANTSA, the European Network for Health of the Excluded – EUR HOPE-NETWORK. We also cooperate with the European Federation of Food Banks – FEBA and the Zlín-Groningen Platform. Other partners include Hoffnung und Hilfe, the Salvaid Project, Stichting Dieren and others.

Pictures on these pages:

Presentation at Council of Europe conference on „Social exclusion and human dignity“ in Helsinki

Winter shelter in Prague, a cooperative effort of several organizations

In cooperation with the „Place in the Heart“ Foundation we organized a seminar and subsequent outdoor event on Wenceslas Square on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The culmination of the „Waves of Hope“ program for the handicapped was a performance by the group Boney M

Two poems „I Remember...“ and „To Mommy“ by Renata Fojtíková

Some words about the author of the poems:

Renata Fojtíková, 20, lives in Brno and is a student. She likes to read her own poems. She entered the Miss Sympatie contest for handicapped girls in Zlín and finished a nice second.

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ADMINISTRATION

Under Naděje's Charter, the General Assembly meets as needed, but no less frequently than once every two years. Among other things, the General Assembly has the power to elect the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is Naděje's highest executive body. The current Board of Directors, confirmed by the General Assembly held on 11 March 2000 in Česká Třebová, is as follows:

Ilja Hradecký, Chairman and Director-in-chief
Petra Lakatošová, Vice Chairwoman and Area Director (Prague)
Petr Macek, Vice Chairman and Area Director (Vysoké Mýto)
Jan Sláma, Vice Chairman and Area Director (Brno)
Martina Hradecká, Director of Finance (Prague)
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Dr. Milan Navrátil, Specialist Physician (Zlín)
Dr. Jaroslava Útratová, Specialist Physician, Medical Director (Brno)

Services in the public benefit are provided through the Branches. The branches report to the Area Directors. The body of executive management is the Executive Board:

Ilja Hradecký, Director-in-chief
Petra Lakatošová, Area Director (Prague)
Petr Macek, Area Director (Vysoké Mýto)
Jan Sláma, Area Director (Brno)
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