



Changing society, changing destinies
We are yourchance...



Changing destinies

Dear friends,

This year we are celebrating 15 years of yourchance – and the truth is simple: thanks to you, vulnerable beginnings turn into stories of independence. In **the Start Right** integration system, young people leaving orphanages or foster care are not left on their own: they have a guide on their path to adulthood, a clear plan, and support in finding work and housing. **The Financial Literacy for Schools** project equips teachers with the tools to help students understand money before they make costly mistakes. And **Welcome to Czechia** helps Ukrainian women and young people fleeing the war quickly find their footing, integrate into society, find employment or start a business, and feel at home here.

Together, we are creating an environment in which everyone has a real chance to succeed.

Thank you for being more than "just" donors. You are co-authors of change – together, we are changing destinies.

I look forward to working with you.

Jana Merunková

founder of yourchance o.p.s.



Facts About Our Projects



- ♦ CZK 240,000,000 saved from the state budget
- ♦ 240 integrated young people leaving orphanages and foster care.
- ♦ We support of hundreds more
- ♦ The only nationwide integration system in the Czech Republic for this target group.



- ♦ 4,500 graduates of intensive integration programs
- ♦ Women supported in finding qualified work or starting a business
- ♦ Students at all school levels
- ♦ We help Ukrainian war refugees.



- ♦ Over 600,000 students involved in FL programs
- ♦ 2,000 teachers and practitioners at our conferences
- ♦ 320 certified schools
- ♦ 36,500 textbooks on financial literacy and entrepreneurship
- ♦ The most complex project in the field in the Czech Republic.

Since 2019, our activities have had an international reach into Ukraine, Italy and Indonesia.

Světový týden
vzdělávání
o penězích
a finanční
gramotnosti

GLOBAL
MONEY
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European Financial Planners

FINANČNÍ
GRAMOTNOST

Soutěž Finanční gramotnosti

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The journey from orphanage and foster care

- We regularly cooperate with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Alternative Education Association, the Federation of Orphanages and selected senators and deputies.
- **250 people involved in the long-term integration program**, 2/3 of whom are outside the orphanages. The average duration of stay in the project is 2 - 3 years.
- **200+ people are fully integrated**
- Under the patronage of the Mayor of Prague, we award the **"White Crow" prize**. The purpose is to recognize the inspiring approach of young people to engaging in mainstream society.
- We publish books: **Flock of White Crows series**: 2014 When You Leave a Child, 2016 Living Normally, 2017 Your Choice, 2019 Start Right, 2022 Start Right, Prima Life set, 13,000 copies (4 reprints), The Phenomenon of a Child in the System (2020), Manual of Independent Living (2021)
- Since 2017, we have been managing the Jiří Mádl ArteFond, founded to support artistically talented children.
- 2018 – 2022, **the application guarantor of research** on employability with/without support, conducted by Masaryk Institute (CTU) in cooperation with TAČR.



The path to adulthood

Our services:

- We operate **a national network** of support for young adults after leaving orphanage and foster care – crisis support, housing, work, professional advice and services, institutions.
- We organize regular **group meetings** – workshops for young people preparing to leave the orphanage.
- We operate **a network of mentors** – volunteers who provide individual support to young people.
- We publish a regular **podcast** Changing destinies.
- We publish expert and popular articles; preparing the next part of the series **A Flock of White Crows**.
- We organize integration **camps** that develop entrepreneurship and financial literacy.
- We **train** caregivers, organize open and in-house seminars.
- We contribute to advocacy: commenting on legislation, collaborating with lawmakers, political actors, and the expert community.



Women and children do not belong in war



- 3 – 5/2022: Jana Merunková initiated the programme and created the concept of the adaptation and integration system; the team developed and published its own set of textbooks.
- 6 – 8/2022: with support from the Ministry of Education we organised 80 – 120-hour courses for 2,100+ children to help them enter Czech primary schools.
- 9/2022 – 5/2025: over 2,500 young people and adult women participated in our programme.
- **Thousands of hours of mentoring and psychological support provided.**
- Our team includes refugees as colleagues, as well as women who remained in Ukraine and receive income through our cooperation.
- In 5/2024 and 6/2025 we organised expert conferences with EBRD, the Česká spořitelna Foundation, and NEWTON University.
- Feedback shows: women and youth started businesses, found qualified jobs matching their education and abilities, and young people enrolled in schools. One of the most frequent benefits: building relationships and friendships with Czechs.



Czechia - second home

Current services to the target group:

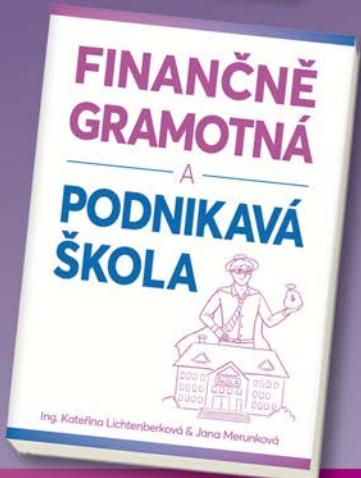
- Integration courses developing of entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy for youth and adults.
- Help with entering the labour market.
- Courses on the basics of entrepreneurship and support specific business plans in their implementation.
- Expert counselling.
- Conferences, expert and informal meetings, strengthening Czech-Ukrainian relations and cooperation opportunities.
- Active membership in Czech-Ukrainian business associations and chambers; facilitating networking between organisations and individuals.



We lead people toward personal prosperity

Financial Literacy for Schools is, according to an independent study, the most comprehensive financial literacy development project in the Czech Republic.

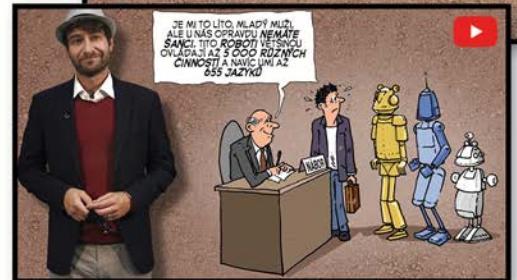
- ❖ Annually: 20,000+ students, teachers, and public participants.
- ❖ 15 student competitions with 13,500 participants.
- ❖ We operate the educational app Rozpocetisito.eu
- ❖ The portal fgdoskol.cz is a respected source of independent expert information.
- ❖ **Accredited organisation** for teacher training (Ministry of Education).
- ❖ We award the **Financially Literate School** quality certificate — over 300 schools.
- ❖ National organiser of **Global Money Week** (one of two).



The key to change

Our current activities in schools, towards vulnerable groups and the general public.

- ✖ Working toward 13% of all schools holding the **Financially Literate School** certificate (currently 5.5%) to ensure a strong learning and sharing network.
- ✖ Conferences and expert meetings connecting schools and practitioners.
- ✖ Teacher courses and seminars.
- ✖ Publishing expert articles, textbooks; producing the **Changing Destinies**.
- ✖ Running the Rozpočti si to competition, workshops, and project days.
- ✖ One of two national organisers of Global Money Week.
- ✖ Working on the NESTOR+ project with the University of South Bohemia and TACR – educational activities for seniors.
- ✖ Teaching financial literacy in orphanages; working with long-term unemployed, single mothers, and Ukrainian refugees.



We cooperate

- MF ČR
- OSN
- Evropská komise
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- ČNB
- Český rozhlas
- Česká mincovna
- Velvyslanectví Indonésie v ČR
- Velvyslanectví Ukrajiny
- Velvyslanectví Nizozemska
- Unicef
- International Organization for Migration
- Správa uprchlických zařízení
- Výbor pro sociální otázky PSP ČR
- Komise pro rodinu
- Národní pedagogický institut
- Jihomoravský kraj
- EFPA
- Česká bankovní asociace
- Federace dětských domovů
- Asociace náhradní rodinné výchovy
- Asociace Dítě a rodiny
- Síť MAS
- ČVUT –Masarykův ústav
- Mendelova univerzita v Brně
- Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci
- Ústav státu a práva
- Cometa Como, Itálie
- Kintari, Lombok
- Emmauz, Ukrajina
- LeaderImpact, Makedonie + EU

Media



Nejlepší je vlastní zkušenost, říká držitel ocenění Bílá vrána

Společnost yourchance ocenila mladé lidi z dětských domovů, zaměstnance dětských domovů a zaměstnavače jejichž přístup stojí za uznání.

AVEL BOHUN

berský Ostruh – Nositelem zaslíbeného ocenění Bílá vrána je inspirativní lidi z dětských domovů se stal čtyřlístek Pavla Lukáše a Jany Merunkové. Do Dětského domova v Uherském Ostrohu už se tam před lety společně se svou dívčou sestrou zpojili jejich maminky, požádaly Středisko pro mladé lidí.



u věci před odchodem zařídil sám a využil si vlastní zkušenosť, že je prototipe si člověk zájmem, co mohl a mohl jinak," doplňuje Lukáš (na snímku druhý zleva), který se svými děvčátky soustředí na dětské domovy v Uherském Ostružu. Foto: Renata Majdalová

z dětských domovů, zaměstnance dětských domovů a zaměstnavače jejichž přístup stojí za uznání. Slavnostní udílení cen Bílá vrána se konalo 15. 10. v centru města pod záštitou primátora Prahy pod záštitou primátora hlavního města Zdeňka Hřiba.

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Achievements of yourchance

- 2025: Jana Merunková received the Governor of the Czech National Bank Award for contributions to financial and economic literacy.
- 2024: Jana Merunková received the Creative Hero Finalist Award – Netherlands-Czech Chamber of Commerce, category 1:100,000.
- 2020: Jana Merunková nominated by the Association of Social Responsibility for EY Socially Responsible Entrepreneur of the Year.
- 2019: Jana Merunková launched Mission Lombok and lectured at Meeting Rimini, starting yourchance Global and long-term cooperation with Italy and Indonesia.
- 2018: Gabriela Štíková (Křivánková) received the Prague regional Woman of the Year title.
- 2017: yourchance became one of two national organisers of Global Money Week.
- yourchance organised five charity balls.
- 2015: yourchance participated in the SozialMarie international social innovation competition in Vienna; advanced in the Czech national round and presented in the Senate.
- 2013 & 2014: yourchance ranked in the TOP 5 Nonprofits of the Year.
- 2011: Jana Merunková received the T-Soft Eternity Foundation Award for financial literacy education in children's homes.





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