

## Diaconia crisis fund for families in need

Markéta (Margaret) takes care of her daughter and son on her own. A few years after her divorce, she found out that her ex-husband had left her in debt. In addition, she lost her job in a restaurant due to the pandemic. But she did not let herself be crushed and found a job in a factory. Then in January a work injury led to her losing her job again. She is now unemployed and her current income is barely enough to pay the rent.

We meet such stories daily in Diaconia. The situation of the families we work with has worsened in the last year - their income has decreased or they have lost their jobs completely. Children have limited access to distance learning, and educational problems have been added to issues of anxiety and domestic violence.



That is why, before Christmas, we started a crisis fund from which we help families with food, rent or school supplies for the children.

Thanks to Czech donors, we have been able to help 105 families since December, families referred by our social workers from shelters, crisis and field services.

These are most often families of single parents or families with several children, whose financial problems are growing worse because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**But we are being asked for more help than we can provide. That is why we want to ask you to help us to help more families.**

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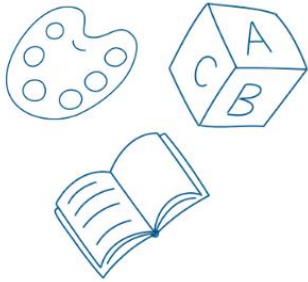
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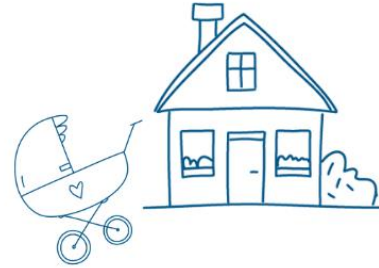


**school supplies**

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