

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the offering collection organized by Annapolis' team at the PCUSA-ECCB Conference in Atlanta that supports our garden project.



Our mission

We are a special nursery and primary school, and our mission is the upbringing, education and care of children with a medium to severe mental disability, with multiple disabilities and autism. Our founder is the Diakonie of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB), which means that we are a church school. The school was founded in 1993 as part of the Children's Centre of the Diakonie of the ECCB, which provided services to disabled children as a respite centre. Our school is attended by children from the ages of 3 to 26 with varying types and degrees of disability who often have movement disabilities - some children are wholly immobile and rely on wheelchairs. We currently have 50 pupils, who are looked after by 25 pedagogical workers.



The children's disabilities range from mild to deep, often there is a combination of two or more types of handicap: children with autism, hyperactive children, with Down's Syndrome, children who have suffered injuries, who are spastic or do not talk. It is often difficult for us to find something to enrich the day-to-day life of these children, something that makes them happy and is also beneficial for their health. The great disadvantage of our school is the building, where there is no gym or other spaces where the children could move freely. Our school has a garden, but it does not suit the needs of our pupils. We have decided to build a new barrier-free garden with a surface and play features which all children can use without restriction. CZK 1,360,000 is necessary for the entire reconstruction project.



Realization is in the process



One of the pupils' parents, who owns a construction company, sponsored the demolition of concrete in the garden and leveled the ground. These days, the construction company is starting to build the first part of the garden. We are all eagerly awaiting the opening that we are planning on **September 20, 2019**.

We placed the sum of money collected at the PCUSA-ECCB Conference in Atlanta in a bank account of school and will use it to buy game elements for the garden in coming weeks.

On the school website www.skolapraha4.diakonie.cz you are welcome to follow the news. At this moment, we have collected CZK 1,008,000 already. Yet we are dealing with other donors.

There are photos of the pupils from school, photos of current state of the garden and the visualization of the future garden features. Instead of concrete cover, there will be flowers and play elements for our students to enjoy.

After the finalization of the new garden, I will be pleased to send you photos from the festive opening and of the new appearance of the garden.

Thank You again for taking part in financing the project.

Best,

Milan Cerny, school director

