

Make it possible for people live out their last days in dignity, at home and surrounded by their loved ones



Despite the positive changes in recent years, the end of life in the Czech Republic is often accompanied by suffering, loneliness and loss of dignity. Surveys report that although people generally want to live out their last days at home (78 %), and family members are willing to care for their loved ones until the end (88 %), and health care professionals also consider the home environment the best place for the dying (88 %), about 75% of deaths occur in hospitals or long-term care facilities.

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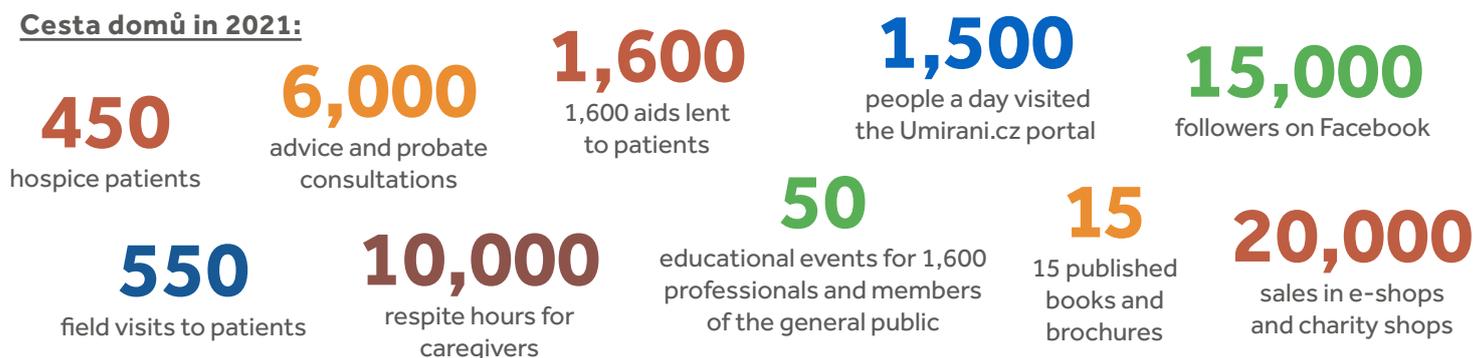


We strive to ensure that anyone who wishes to die at home can do so. In addition to health care professionals, **SERVICES** at our Home Hospice and Palliative Outpatient Clinic are provided by other experts too. Our Counselling Centre provides daily telephone or personal social counselling to any resident in the Czech Republic. Respite Services assistants help long-term patients with their daily routine. Our Support Team members provide psychosocial and spiritual support to the terminally ill and their caregivers, as well as to the bereaved. Our rental service offers a wide range of medical aids and equipment.

We strive to change how society perceives the finiteness of human existence. Cesta domu Home Hospice shares its **EXPERIENCE** and **KNOWLEDGE** through its Publishing House, Library, Education Centre with courses both for the general public and professionals, and through its two Charity Shops. We make podcasts and run the Umirani.cz information portal, the eVzpominky.cz virtual memorial site and the think-aboutdeath.org app. We seek to promote societal change to enable people to live out their last days where they want, supported by specialised palliative care if they need it.

Die? Well, okay. But die with dignity. We are changing the way people die in the Czech Republic for the better.

Cesta domu in 2021:



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Become a partner of Cesta domu Home Hospice

Cesta domu Home Hospice can only provide its services and share its expertise thanks to private donors like you. Support from private sources accounts for half of its income. The other half is secured from public subsidies and reimbursements from health insurance companies.

Join the generous companies and individuals that make it possible for over 700 people to live out their last days at home with their loved ones.

Become a partner of Cesta domu. Thank you.

How does Cesta domu help?

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"The greatest gift you can give your loved one is time spent together. Sharing. Even if this only means being close by. Listen. And don't be afraid to bring up any topic you want."

Barbora Slavíčková on the last days spent with her dying mother in the care of Cesta domu Home Hospice.



"Carrying the weight of a negative prognosis around with you all the time and not being able to see anything else because of it makes no sense. Every day spent with our children has been – and is – a unique gift, and the best thing we can do is to take each day as it comes."

The Forgáčs, who cared for their young children at home, describing the difficult and joyful moments they have experienced in recent years.



"I was afraid of that moment coming, the moment when Dad would be dead, but I knew we had to take care of him even afterwards. We couldn't leave that to others."

Taken from a letter to Cesta domu's nurses and doctors who cared for the author of the letter's dying father.



"Sometimes I feel I'm surrounded by too much death, but it's important to remember that you're not alone; my colleagues and I support each other."

Chaplain Magdalena Ondrová about what Cesta domu's spiritual work entails, the intensive relationships with patients and the importance of teamwork.



"We doctors often focus solely on our patients' bodies, on their illness. We fail to see the vast and many other aspects that make up a human being, and it may seem incomprehensible to us that a patient wants or doesn't want something."

Head physician Irena Zavadová about telling people serious news, joint decision making with patients about treatment, and the situations which are most difficult for her.



"When we go a family's home, install the bed and move the person who is ill into it, I'm aware that the next time I go there, I probably won't see him again,"

says Otto Adamec about working in the Rental Services, renting medical aids and equipment, delivering them to families and being in contact with the dying and their families.



"It is important for us that our partners listen to us, thank us for the services we provide and give us feedback. Cesta domu looks after us very well; we feel they value the work we do together."

Lawyers Markéta Pravdová and Jan Šafránek from bnt attorneys in CEE about the reasons for their extensive cooperation with the non-profit sector.



"For the rest of the day, I am quietly pleased that there are people out there whose set of values are set differently to what is customary."

One day in Cesta domu as seen by Jana Knitlová, playwright, radio playwright and screenwriter, as well as regular Cesta domu donor.



"I often recommend Cesta domu because of what it does and how well it does it. I find it sad that, although we will all (soon) be senior citizens, we don't know how to take care of our older members of society. And this is also true of the state and of our young people."

Lucie Holubová Krajcová, assistant to the CEO of Alza.cz, about corporate giving and the topic of dying.