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Group Project “Bread and Housing“ in České Budějovice

Housing in the old age

*“St. Zdislava Home of Quiet Old Age” in Pravětín
Charitative home of quiet old age*

Domov svaté Zdislavy v Pravětíně
Charitativní domov poklidného stáří

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The Czech Catholic Charity have been running Homes of Quiet Old Age and other types of welfare since 1992. They also provide a free choice for the client and real topical services and possibilities to come back to a less demanding type of service in case of improved condition.



** Photo: On the bike to the end of the world*

Charitative Homes of Quiet Old Age



The home was built and is run by the Vimperk Catholic Charity in a small village Pravětín, 900 metres above the sea level. An ex-school ruin was reconstructed and rebuilt to the old people's home in 1992 and later, in March 2002, the home extension was set up.

St Zdislava House of Quiet Old Age in Pravětín village

The building looks like a mountain hotel and is adapted for wheelchairs. There are mostly single rooms with their own bathrooms and common two-room units. All the rooms are newly furnished (beds with rails and chairs with props). There are 35 beds in the home and an up-to-date kitchen where they prepare meals for nursing services of the Vimperk Charity as well. The dining room is large and light. As for the personnel, there are 15 persons – staff

nurses, cooks, cleaners, laundresses, boiler attendants, and a doctor comes once a fortnight. Even the physiotherapist, hairdresser and chiropodist come regularly.

Seniors from the whole republic are admitted to the home, even those with the Alzheimer and oncological diseases. They can take walks, work in the garden or participate in an occupational therapy or parlour games. There are mostly women here.

Completion of the building was financed by sponsors (individuals, organizations) and cost 24 million Czech crowns. The state pays for 50% of services, then the sponsors and insurance companies contribute and the seniors pay 6,500 crowns.



Conclusion

There is a very pleasant setting and nice atmosphere in the home but it is just at the beautiful end of the world...