



## COMMUNITY CENTRE DRAHUŠKOVO

Community home - centre for people with autism and related disorders



a spring time in Drahuškovo



a winter time in Drahuškovo

### In Drahuškovo

adult people with autism and related disorders are not "guarded and looked after" but they become our friends. Our staff - therapists and assistants (young adults - former foster children) fully respects their own will, providing necessary help for them in everyday life and implementing their desires and needs.

Drahuškovo creates an opportunity for **employment** for people with disabilities through adapted workshops and an opportunity for restoration in full-value and meaningful life. Employment of people with disabilities does not give meaning just to themselves but also serves to their families which can find here a **place which meets special needs of their member**.

However, the care system for adult people with autism and related disorders in Slovakia is still insufficient. In many cases the chances of developing and broadening the necessary work and self-help skills are curtailed to be mainly happy and feel comfortable.

Living in a rural area, important part of life in Drahuškovo is active participation of each community member in daily routine (animal care, recycling and composting, laundry care, walks) and different activities as art therapy, music activity or relaxation.





Together, with help of our assistants, we build and paint bird feeders, create original pottery for sale or for our own enjoyment. During season, we participate in outdoor activities as apple harvest, crop stacking, field preparation, planting and harvesting or collecting medicinal herbs. Thanks to those activities our friends with disabilities make progress in personal hygiene, are able to help in snack preparation or change the bed lines in their own bedroom. They become more independent, active and socially skilled.



painting bird feeders



animal care (feeding)



a gardening work



community

### What does the day in Drahuškovo look like?

As change of events is for individuals with autism very difficult to cope with, the time schedule in Drahuškovo does not change and remain the same every day; just the scope of work may differ. This predictability of events gives our friends sense of safety.



In order to help our friends with autism to orientate in time and space and to increase their quality of life, it is necessary that the time table is clear, understandable and meaningful. To add, various activities and tasks are addressed to develop each individual personality.

**Drahuškovo** also gives opportunity to young adults- former foster children to become a staff member in position of therapists' assistant. In the same time our facility offers possibility to live in our community setting, so that young adults may not just broaden their work and employability skills in labour market, but to find new friendships and experience rural lifestyle too.



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*More information about us*

<http://www.drahuskovo.sk>



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