On Thursday, October 24, the eighth annual Trick-or-Treat for Charity will take place in Prague's Vinohrady and the surrounding area. **Children in costumes** use a map that their parents receive in the form of a link to their mobile phones to walk around the designated stations, **get sweets at each station** and **throw a small coin to help their vulnerable peers** (they learn to help those who were not born to loving parents or have lost their homes, in short, those who are less fortunate). Last year, over 1000 children enjoyed the festive evening and over CZK 150,000 was collected to help those at risk who are helped by SOS Children's Villages.

I want to attend the event with my children. What can I expect?

Your children will enjoy a fun evening and help their peers in need.

Here's what you need to do:

[Sign up for Trick-or-Treat for Charity / Zaregistrujte se do charitativní akce Trick-or-Treat (google.com)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhGJUjjZLAD17FHm6z_8EB0aEKzyHGl09coV4ijhrn425vhA/viewform) to get your map. The deadline for applications is October 20th.

**Prepare a costume for your children and preferably for yourself too and a sufficient number of coins with a minimum value of CZK 10** (multiply the number of your children by the number of stations you plan to visit and rather count on a reserve. Of course, you can also contribute a higher amount to children at risk).

Check if you received a link to the map from the organizers before the event starts.

Enjoy the evening and feel the satisfaction of helping others.

I want to participate as a volunteer.

**What does it mean? You will distribute sweets and collect donations to help vulnerable children at a selected or assigned station.**

**What I have to do:**

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**Prepare a costume**, preferably a Halloween theme (witch, vampire, ghost, etc., etc.). You need to dress warmly under it, it can be cold or wet. If you can, buy candies as many, many people attend and you might run out of the given sweets.

**Pick up a donation box and sweets** (stated in the registration form) at the designated place. Decorate your location.

**At the agreed time, arrive at the specified or agreed place, present carolers and collect coins from them to help the children.**

**Drop off the box at the designated place**, look forward to the announcement of the proceeds and **enjoy the feeling of satisfaction from helping others.**

Pictures from last years´ event on [Prague Halloween Trick-or-Treat for Charity 2023 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/events/700942328562660)

FAQ

Q: What's a trick or treat map?

A: To get the map to go trick or treating in Vinohrady and Zizkov on Oct. 24, from 4 pm to 8 pm, you must sign up at [Sign up for Trick-or-Treat for Charity / Zaregistrujte se do charitativní akce Trick-or-Treat (google.com)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhGJUjjZLAD17FHm6z_8EB0aEKzyHGl09coV4ijhrn425vhA/viewform)

You will get the link to the map right after the registration, but the stops will appear till 20th October or even later. Check the map till the event starts!

(When you get the map, you click on the icons, stops come up. If you click on the stops, you will get doorbell information and the time that the host is open. Please do not ring people's doorbells unless they are open during the time you arrive! Some stops are not peoples´ homes but locations in the parks or on the streets. You will note that most stops are not open for the full duration of the event. So plan carefully! There are usually about *50 stops*. But it is very rare for a child to hit them all!)

Q: I am a participant. What else do I need to trick or treat besides the map?

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION!

A: **You need change! Lots of it! You need to donate AT LEAST 10kc for every child at every stop. So if you go to ten stops and you have two children, that's 200 Kč. Hosts will not make change but there will be a clearly marked stand where you can change money if needed). Please have coin change with you! Feel free to donate more than 10kc at one stop**!

Also, if you can, carry extra candy with you! This is a record turn out of trick or treaters and we don't want the hosts to run out of candy! So let's all share the love and the burden and you can throw in some extra candy in hosts' buckets/bowls if you see they are running low!

Q: I have never done this before. How many stops do you think I should prepare to go to?

A: It depends typically on the age of the child. Younger children usually could not do more than 10 stops or 2 hours from the age of 4-8. Every child is different. This is a lot of excitement and walking around:).

Q: How many trick or treaters will there be?

A: Last year we had about 3000 trick or treaters and fifty hosts (stops).

Q: I don't know where to start and finish? And who do I go around with?

A: You can start anywhere you want and finish anywhere! If you come as a group, keep the groups to no more than 10 people, including parents. Many families just go out on their own, with one child and one parent, and that's just lovely!

Q: How do I keep up with any changes in this event and connect with other hosts and trick or treat families?

A: To keep up on our wonderful event, and why we are doing this, please do join the Facebook event, Prague Halloween Trick or Treat for Charity, at [https://fb.me/e/432CTjSOU](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffb.me%2Fe%2F432CTjSOU&data=05%7C02%7CMilan.Palan%40sos-vesnicky.cz%7C84eeff56a7964932ef2b08dcd644d8dd%7C54daeaadd6fa472eb4319572455fa13a%7C0%7C0%7C638620838431697007%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6YXoZXBjxr7Jjv6nREcb6tR%2BHqWmrP4MLN2tbsyAsPo%3D&reserved=0). If you are not on Facebook, please have your friend/enemy/spouse/secret partner join because this is where you will really get an understanding of how our event helps foster children.

Q: I am participating as a volunteer. What should I do?

A: Prepare a costume and small (or even larger 😊) decorations with which I will decorate the designated place or my home. I collect the money box and sweets on time, come to the designated place before the event starts, decorate it and wait for the trick-or-treaters. Don't forget to dress warmly under the costume because it can be pretty cold outside at the end of October.

Q: What is this charity you speak of?!

A: We are collecting money for SOS Children's Villages, which helps Czech children with no parents, or whose parents cannot take care of them, escape orphanages and live with foster families in well-equipped villages. For more information, see: <http://www.sos-vesnicky.cz/>