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Solidarity and Goodwill in Prague

April was a busy month of community service for team Beckman Coulter Immunotech. With leadership and initiative from General Manager **Vojtěch Drbohlav**, associates in Prague, Czech Republic, enthusiastically donated their time and effort to lend a helping hand to local causes.

EARTH DAY 2017

Prague's operations team proudly participated in team building activities for **Earth Day**, an annual worldwide event, for the first time. Teams gathered with action plans in place to clean the facility's surrounding areas.

Associates were surprised by the accumulation of trash!



Participants energetically shared hard work and lively discussions about protecting the environment. Their rewards were simple: renewed appreciation for camaraderie and goodwill – and a small snack!

RUN FOR SVĚTLUŠKA

Světluška, or firefly, is a charity project sponsored by the Czech Radio Foundation, that helps children and adults with severe visual impairment. The project has grown in popularity since its inception in 2003, with tens of thousands of volunteers and millions raised in donations. Proceeds help the blind and visually impaired throughout the Czech Republic to live better and independent lives by providing special aid equipment, guide dogs and personal assistants, just to name a few.



The **Run for Světluška** charity event started at 9:00 in the evening, routing runners and walkers through city streets. Nearly 70 associates represented Beckman Coulter Prague and Bratislava, helping to raise US\$6,900 in matching gift donations from the **Beckman Coulter Foundation**. This, Beckman Coulter Prague's first official event under the Foundation's OUS Volunteer Events Program, was a great success.



Karel Nedvěd, financial controller, shared:

“Světluška is doing a good job helping people in need. I was captivated by the feeling of delight when I found out that the company is not blind to the needs of others and that I could contribute with my

colleagues. After the race, we returned home with a feeling that we had done something good for our health, but most importantly that we had contributed at least a little bit to those in need. Hopefully next year we will meet again.”

Vojtěch Drbohlav added:

“I’m so happy that the whole team participated with enthusiasm. We got more than 50% of the associates from Beckman Coulter Prague and Bratislava in this event. Run for Firefly is special because you have an opportunity to run with visually impaired runners. It is a great feeling.”

Congratulations to the team for giving back to their community!

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Shawn says:

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Great Job to Vojtech and the Prague team. You are all making a difference.

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