



Press Release

GLS Couriers Once Again Deliver Thousands of Christmas Gifts for Children in Orphanages for Free

Prague, December 18, 2024 – This year, GLS couriers are once again delivering gifts for children in orphanages for free. As part of the "Give a Toy" event, which GLS has been involved in for 14 years, GLS will transport more than 5,000 gifts to several dozen orphanages or social care institutions across the Czech Republic for free this year.

"One of the most powerful moments of Christmas for me every year is the 'Give a Toy' event. I am proud that GLS has been involved in this traditional project for 14 years and can help with free transportation and easy sending of gifts – from small trinkets to larger presents," explains Pavel Včela, Director of GLS Czech Republic.

The "Give a Toy" project has brought more than 123,000 fulfilled wishes to tens of thousands of children over its 28-year existence. The project is backed by an organization of disabled managers from the Tango Havlíčkův Brod association.

Children from orphanages or social care institutions write and draw their wishes to Santa Claus every year, which are then available at <https://app.daruj-hracku.cz/>. People looking to provide small or larger pre-Christmas help and joy can then choose from the gifts they decide to purchase. "Interest grows every year, and each donor can choose the most suitable gift according to their possibilities and preferences. We are grateful for every bit of help, even small ones. This year, we have collected over 5,000 small and large gifts worth over 5 million CZK," adds Pavel Klempíř, Director of Tango.

GLS enables free transportation of all gifts every year, constantly expanding the possibilities of how to send a gift. "A gift can be sent to an orphanage directly from a selected e-shop, a courier can pick it up at a specified address, or it can be easily sent from a drop-off point or locker. We are glad that we can also contribute in a small way to an event that brings joy not only to donors but especially to socially or health-disadvantaged children every year," concluded Pavel Včela.

About GLS Group

GLS Group is a leading provider of international parcel delivery. The company provides reliable and high-quality parcel services complemented by freight and express services to its customers across 40 countries. Thanks to an extensive international network and excellent knowledge of the local market, customers can expect seamless, flexible, and personal services across Europe and beyond. GLS also operates through wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the west coast of the USA. The GLS network consists of 120 central and regional transshipment points and 1,600 depots, utilizing approximately 37,000 delivery vans and 6,500 trucks. GLS employs approximately 23,000 people. In 2023/24, GLS achieved a record turnover of 5.6 billion EUR and delivered 905 million parcels despite global challenges.