



## Another “International” SDMA signing

This week saw another first: an SDMA signed by Decision-Maker Nico, who has dual citizenship in the U.S. and the Czech Republic (and is fluent in both English and Czech!) Next week Nico, another of our Cooke Decision-Makers, and his family are off on their annual summer trip to Prague (you might remember the video of them from the beautiful medieval Charles Bridge in Prague last summer; click [here](#).) Nico plans to enjoy visiting water parks and travelling around the city by bike and electric scooter, as well as spending time at the family house in the countryside where, kind young man that he is, he will cut wood for an elderly relative to use next winter.



*Nico, Supporters: brother Kristian, dad Lou, mom Ivana*

There are more international connections to this wonderful signing ceremony. Nico’s dad Lou is the United Nations Director at Human Rights Watch, who first became interested in SDMNY because our work is premised in the human right of legal capacity, derived from the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), although Nico was more interested in getting support for the decisions he hoped would lead to his eventually owning and driving a motorcycle! One of the co-facilitators for Nico’s SDMA (along with Joan Cornachio) was our own Simge Yarayici, who sends out Good News every week, and is a native and citizen of Turkey! Great job all.

So, in English, Czech and Turkish,

**CONGRATULATIONS, GRATULUJEME, TEBRIKLER!**