

## Your Gift in Action!

*Your gift makes an immediate and far-reaching difference in the lives of our recipients and service monkeys.*



### NEW PLACEMENT SUPPORT

**\$15,000** can support the recipient selection process, recipient preparation, in-home adaptations, the placement week's activities, and one-year intensive post placement support.

**\$6,000** can support three months of veterinary care for the monkeys at The Monkey College.



### MONKEY HEALTHCARE



### RECIPIENT HOME ADAPTATION

**\$3,000** can support monkey housing, environmental adaptation, and technology for a new or active placement.

**\$1,000** can support skills reinforcement for monkey and recipient, placement support, and 24-hour specialized veterinary advice and emergency care for one year.



### ACTIVE PLACEMENT ADAPTATION



### MONKEYS IN TRAINING OR RETIREMENT

**\$600** can support a healthy diet, fun toys, delicious treats, and their favorite fleece blankets for one monkey for one year.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Give Today

Send a Gift

Any gifts received by midnight 9/30 will be **DOUBLED!**

### Give Monthly

Become a Capuchin Caretaker  
[monkeyhelpers.org/monthly](http://monkeyhelpers.org/monthly)

### Leave a Legacy

Become part of the Simian Society  
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## From the Executive Director



Thank you for making the past 40 years possible!

Your generosity has allowed us to place service monkeys across the United States and make a difference every day for our recipients. As you will read in this issue, your donations are now also supporting our growing group of retired monkeys. We are committed to providing the best care for our older monkeys who spent so many years caring for others. Just like people, our older monkeys look forward to spending their golden years playing with their monkey friends and trainers, and lounging in the sun. They can also develop health issues related to their age and require additional veterinary care to ensure they are comfortable during retirement. Thank you for making all of this possible!

Don't forget that any donation you make between now and September 30 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000. Double your gift today!

With deepest gratitude,

Angela Lett  
Executive Director

## Faces of Hope

*Over the past 40 years, you have helped us celebrate over 160 recipient-monkey placements. You have witnessed firsthand how each service monkey provides increased independence, joy, and hope. Did you know that thanks to exceptional care, monkeys at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers can have a life expectancy of 35-40 years? The Monkey College is home to three different monkey populations: monkeys ready for placement, monkeys in short-term care, and monkeys in after-service care (retirement).*

### Monkeys ready for placement

Meet Lisa, a 29-year-old-monkey at The Monkey College who is ready for placement. We take great care to identify the right monkey for each recipient, similar to a matchmaking service. Lisa makes for an ideal match in the eyes of her placement trainer, Jessica:



Jessica and Lisa

*“Not only does Lisa love training but she also loves to groom and be groomed. This makes Lisa a great placement candidate, as she not only enjoys doing tasks for her recipient, but also provides them with a great amount of companionship. Lisa is an absolute sweetheart!” - Jessica*

When Lisa is not interacting with her monkey friends, she is cuddled in Jessica's lap, sucking her thumb, with her finger in her ear.

### Monkeys in short-term care

Throughout a recipient's life, hospitalization and other short term urgent care may be required. When this happens, Helping Hands temporarily cares for the service monkey. We provide first-rate care for the monkey until the recipient-monkey pair can be reunited. Recently, Helping Hands received a call to pick up a monkey when a recipient had to go into the hospital. Placement trainers were at his house a few days later (courtesy of a pilot offering in-kind services). The trainers retrieved the monkey and flew her back to Boston. She is currently enjoying being surrounded by monkey friends and trainers.

### Monkeys in after-service care or retirement

Sometimes placements will come to an end due to the recipient's health or a change in living environment. Once the monkey is back at Helping Hands, the health of the monkey is carefully assessed by our team of professionals. The monkey will either be placed again or enter after-service care.

*Helping Hands retains ownership of the monkeys throughout their lives. It is our goal to provide the best quality of life for monkeys in our care.*

Alison Payne, Director of Monkey Care, discusses her experience working with the aging monkey population:



Alison and Sadie

*“After working at Helping Hands for almost two decades and seeing firsthand the difference these monkeys made, and continue to make, in the lives of those with mobility impairments, I can think of nothing I would rather do in the upcoming years than spoil these amazing animals with dignity, respect and immense affection as they reach their twilight years.” – Alison*

Meet Sadie, just one of the monkeys enjoying her golden years at The Monkey College. In her 34 years, Sadie has been successfully placed four times.

Thanks to you, Sadie is thoroughly enjoying being back with Alison and her monkey friends—displaying affection by nibbling on their tails like corn on the cob! If you would like to open your home—and your heart—to one of our retired monkeys, please contact us at [apply@monkeyhelpers.org](mailto:apply@monkeyhelpers.org).

*Join us in celebrating 40 years of the human-animal bond with a thank you gift to Lisa, Sadie, and all of the monkeys who have touched the lives of so many people. To continue supporting our monkeys, make a donation at [monkeyhelpersdonate.org](http://monkeyhelpersdonate.org).*

## JOIN THE MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE!

On this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year,  
help us reach our goal of **\$30,000!**

We have a generous donor who has pledged to give \$15,000  
but only if we raise a matching \$15,000.

From now until September 30, your gift can make  
**TWICE** the **IMPACT**  
in caring for our service monkeys and supporting our recipients.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make a difference: Donate **TODAY!**  
The first 15 donors will receive a Helping Hands "Retro" T-shirt!

## Do you match?

