



Make a Gift

Monkey Business

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### Resolution #1: To share 2019 with YOU!

As we start another year, we're so thankful for all you made possible. You provided care for our monkeys and support to each active partnership. We deeply appreciate your unwavering support in 2018.

2019 is starting off with a bang—or a pop of champagne! This year marks **Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We have big plans for our milestone anniversary year. In conjunction with our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we're setting a goal to raise **\$400,000** in donations from individual donors. See your donations at work throughout the year in our newsletters, e-newsletters, and on all communication channels including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Read below for other fun ways we plan to celebrate 40 years, like highlighting **40 Monkey Profiles**. Be sure to stay connected throughout the year to celebrate our past, present, and future with us.

You truly make a difference. Have a warm, safe, and wonderful 2019!

Do you know someone who might benefit from having a service monkey? Connect us!



#### We can't thank you enough!

Thanks to your generosity, recipients and our service monkeys continue to foster their special relationships. As you know, we rely on donations all year long to care for our monkeys and support recipients across the country.

Did you forget to give in 2018? Help us start 2019 strong by lending your support through a donation, stock gift, as a Capuchin Caretaker—our special group of monthly donors, or a Simian Society member—those who have decided to leave a gift to Helping Hands in their will.

#### Happy 40th Anniversary!

Like any good party, we have surprises for you! Our goal is to raise \$400,000 in donations from individual donors. Fun Fact: It takes \$40,000 on average to raise, train, and place our special service monkeys. That's the equivalent of 10 service monkeys!

And in honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, you'll see 40 different Monkey Profiles in our newsletters and on social media throughout the year. Be sure to look for them all.



#### Monkey Profile #1: Meet Hellion: The Trailblazer!

Meet Hellion, the monkey that started it all! Helping Hands placed its first monkey helper in 1979. She served as a helper and companion to Robert Foster, a Boston man living with paralysis. Foster echoed the same sentiment as our current recipients, "we both kind of live for each other." The pair were inseparable for 28 years until Robert's death in 2007.

We have her to thank for paving the way for developing early training techniques. Read more about Hellion's story here.

We'll be sharing Monkey Profiles on all of our communication channels. Stay connected in 2019 to see all 40 Monkey Profiles!

#### 2019 Helping Hands Calendar

So many fun things to look forward to in 2019. How can one organize everything? Why, with a 2019 Monkey Helper calendar!

For the first time, the 2019 calendar already has many key dates. You'll know before anyone else of awareness months and special events, like our 2019 Monkey Helper Festive. Order a few today!

#### Grant Spotlight



Charitable Foundation

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation awarded \$5,000 to help fund our Monkey Training and Placement Program. We are grateful for the continued partnership with Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation as they support our work to provide independence and companionship to people living with mobility impairments.

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