



Summertime at The Monkey College

The beginning of summer in Boston is a beautiful thing. The hustle and bustle of the city slows and everyone spends more time enjoying the longer days. The monkeys, staff, and volunteers at Helping Hands definitely enjoy the warmer weather when the windows in the playroom can be opened wide to let in the summer sun.

While the city feels slower, summertime at Helping Hands is always a busy time. With the help of donors and volunteers like you, we work diligently to plan for the future and to make sure that all our monkeys and recipients have the support that they need.

Summer often also brings about changes and new opportunities! This is true for the Helping Hands family, as well. As you will read below, there are some changes coming to The Monkey College.

And don't forget—June 17 is Father's Day. Celebrate the father figure in your life with a [gift in their honor](#). Your gift will help care for the monkeys in our program while showing how much you care for them.

Do you know someone who might benefit from having a service monkey? [Connect us!](#)



Search for Permanent Executive Director

Do you know someone who would be a good candidate for our permanent executive director? Helping Hands' Board of Directors is beginning the search for a new executive director. The position will be posted on our [website](#) within the next few weeks, so be sure to check there and send it to anyone you think would be a good candidate.



A Monkey's Day

Have you ever wondered what a day in the life of a Helping Hands Monkey looks like at The Monkey College? In *A Monkey's Day*, you can see how our trainers, volunteers, and interns spend the day caring for and working with our primate students. It takes a village to train a service monkey, and we thank you for being a member of our village.

[Watch A Monkey's Day](#)



Saying Goodbye

It's with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of someone most of you have come to know well over the years at Helping Hands. Erica Noyes, Senior Development Associate, has accepted a new position after giving so much to Helping Hands over the past seven years.

She has been a friendly and helpful presence during her time here and she will be greatly missed. Please join us in wishing her great success in her next venture.



A new way to help: Facebook Fundraisers!

Are you on Facebook? Bet you have noticed that people all over the world are running Facebook Fundraisers! Since the inception of the Facebook Fundraiser, 41 friends have raised over \$6,000 for Helping Hands on Facebook!

Have you thought about running your own? To help, we have created a step by step [How-To document](#) for setting up your Facebook Fundraiser as well as [Tips and Tricks](#) to make you stand out from the crowd. We have even created a toolkit of resources.

[Get started today!](#)

Grant Spotlight

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is thankful for the continuing support of **The Rands Foundation**. Their \$15,000 grant will support our training and placement programs, which provide increased independence in the daily lives of our recipients.

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is grateful to **The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.** for their recent \$5,000 grant. This gift supports the active training and placement of our service monkeys with recipients across the United States. We appreciate their continued support which helps provide greater independence in the lives of our recipients.



Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is grateful for the continued support of **The Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation**. Their increased grant of \$3,000 will support our recipients and monkeys in training. We appreciate their commitment to making a difference every day in the lives of people living with mobility impairments.



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