Photo Tim and Webster

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Thank you for your continuing commitment to Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers! I hope you enjoy seeing what your support accomplishes through the very special stories of Tim and Webster, who are celebrating eight years together, and Sadie, who has been placed four times as a Helping Hands service monkey. Your continued involvement means more life changing partnerships. Thank you, and please know these stories wouldn’t be possible without you.

Megan Talbert

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Plane tickets, hotel stays, meals, and much more will be up for grabs.

For more details on the event or our online auction, visit monkeyhelpers.org/festivale.
Eight years ago, you were introduced to Tim and Webster. You may remember their story:

On May 18, 2006, Cpl. Tim Jeffers’ life changed forever when he lost his legs, right eye, part of his skull, and a finger to an IED. While recovering from his injuries, a Lieutenant Colonel shared a video about Helping Hands. Tim was intrigued—he had never thought about having a monkey, and his monkey helper would be provided to him at no cost! After leaving the military hospital and returning home, Tim decided to apply for a monkey.

Webster joined Tim’s life in 2008.

Tim knew the ways a monkey could help him around the house, like fetching dropped objects, pushing power buttons, and turning light switches on and off. What he didn’t expect was how Webster would help him cope with the stresses he faced after service.

“Although I’m injured, he looks up to me as his protector,” says Tim. “I don’t feel so depressed with him around. If it were not for Webster, life at home would be very down. It’s kind of hard being alone and I don’t go out much anymore. I prefer to stay at home. But here I have Webster! I don’t see him as a monkey or an animal. I think of him as a best friend. You know that phrase: ‘Help me help you?’ With us it goes three ways: Help me help you help me! It’s as simple as picking up a laser and saying ‘hey, go do this for me.’ It’s really nice that Webster’s excited to help me and do things for me. By having a monkey helper you don’t have to ask for help. When you drop something and can’t pick it up,
the monkey is there to do it and you don’t have to go and ask someone. It makes a huge difference in my independence.”

Would you like to know how Tim and Webster are doing after eight years together?

“I’m not one of those guys who shows emotion too well, but Webster is my boy. We are best buddies—we love hanging out together at home, chillin’ out, watching shows. Our relationship hasn’t changed much—maybe it has gotten deeper. He almost knows before I do when I need him to do something for me.

Webster can be such a goofball, sometimes! A buddy of mine went to Guadalajara last year and asked me what I would like him to bring me. So I asked him for a sombrero. Well, he came back with a tiny, Webster-sized sombrero! It was lying in the living room for months and Webster had never shown any interest in it. The other day, I happen to look over, and Webster had put it on his head! He makes me laugh.

People have asked me why I need a monkey, because I seem pretty capable. I tell them one of the things I like about monkeys is that monkeys, unlike people, don’t judge. (Actually, Webster may be judging me, but he keeps it to himself!)

I am grateful to all of you for making this possible.

The staff at Helping Hands sure do know their stuff and I appreciate knowing that Webster and I have their—and your—support.”
Meet a Monkey!
Learn more inside

You create priceless partnerships.
Meet a Monkey: Sadie

Sadie is a lovely, gentle monkey who has an important place in many people’s hearts. In her 31 years, Sadie has been successfully placed around the United States four times and has always become a best friend and helpful companion to her recipients. Your generosity has made all of those life-changing relationships possible.

Because capuchin monkeys have such a long lifespan (up to 40 years), Helping Hands retains the ownership and responsibility for every monkey throughout his or her life. As a supporter of Helping Hands, you, too, help to care for these special animals for their entire lives! If a placement comes to an end due to the recipient’s health or change in living circumstances, their monkey helper always has a home back here in Boston (lovingly maintained by our donors, volunteers, and staff) and they are often matched again with a new recipient—just like Sadie!

Sadie loves cuddling and quiet grooming sessions in the sun. Her favorite pastime is a long, hot bath. She has many monkey friends here at our Training Center and likes to groom their tails by gently nibbling on them like corn on the cob. It never fails to make the trainers laugh!

To support Sadie and our other monkeys, make a donation at monkeyhelpers.org.