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.

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

RECIPIENT HOME ADAPTATION
$3,000 can support monkey housing, environmental adaptation, and technology for a new or active placement.

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

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

Leave a Legacy
Become part of the Simian Society
617-787-4419 x113
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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:

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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:

“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

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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!