



November is a time for thanks.

November brings us the opportunity to reconnect with friends and family and say thank you to our supporters for everything that you do. Thanks to you, The Monkey Helpers' Annual Festivale raised over \$100,000 for our Training and Placement program. Be sure to read all about it and enjoy the pictures from the night.

Don't forget, November 11 is Veterans Day and celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. In honor of this day, we wanted to take a moment and share the story of our World War II Veteran, Jim Hill. Helping Hands salutes all the courageous men and women who have served our country.

As we head into the busy Holiday season, remember that it is because of you that this program is possible. You change lives. As Nancy Converse shared at Festivale:

"Farah has a place so deep in our hearts. Her sweetness, unpredictability, hugs, dedication, and her daily surprises continue to enhance our lives. To the point when we're out and about we find ourselves rushing home for our "family time" when the three of us can be together."

Thank you for your continued support of our program, our recipients, and our monkeys.

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



What a night!

It was an amazing night in Boston on October 21! You came, you danced, you bid. You heard from Ned Sullivan and Kent and Nancy Converse how a monkey helper has impacted their lives and made additional gifts to support more partnerships like theirs.

We want to say a huge thank you to our **Sponsors** and to everyone who participated, both in person and virtually. It was a night to remember.

[Enjoy these great photos from Festivale!](#)

You voted—now the 2018 Calendar is here!

We think you helped us create our best calendar yet! Order yours today and you can enjoy a new monkey helper each month with fun and interesting facts about our program.

This calendar was made possible through the generosity of Foundation Robmar—a foundation that truly believes in the powerful role the human-animal bond has in changing people's lives.

[Get yours today!](#)



Giving Tuesday is November 28

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving at the beginning of the holiday season.

This November 28th, you can make a difference by joining the movement and giving a gift. A donation to Helping Hands, regardless of size, creates partnerships and helps us to keep our monkey helpers and their lifetime support free of charge for recipients.

Remembering one of our Veterans this month.

As we pause as a nation next week to honor our Veterans, we wanted to share with you a story about one of our Monkey Helper Recipients, Jim Hill. Jim served in the army during World War II and was on the beaches at Normandy, where he was injured. It was many years later that he and his wife Winnie learned about Helping Hands at the VA, applied, and welcomed Jessica into their lives.

[Read their story.](#)

Grant Spotlight



Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is honored to have received a \$50,000 grant from the **Craig H. Neilsen Foundation** in support of our Training and Placement Programs. This grant will help support new placements throughout the upcoming year. The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation's funding is dedicated to supporting both programs and scientific research to improve the quality of life for those affected by and living with spinal cord injury.

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