



Greetings from the Executive Director

As I sit to write this note to all of you, I am amazed that I have been at Helping Hands for almost two months! Every day I am grateful for the opportunity I have to be part of the Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers team. When I collaborate with the staff, visit with a monkey, speak with the board or interact with a donor I am reminded that all of us together are advancing the mission of this organization.



It is the staff that continues to balance the needs of our clients and service monkeys around the country while also maintaining the health and well-being of post-service monkeys. During a pandemic this can become difficult, so I am especially thankful for their ability to juggle so many varying issues.

I am appreciative of the Helping Hands board who takes an active role in advancing the organization's mission. They are the advocates of the organization, and I am thankful for their support of all of us.

Of course from all of us to all of our donors a very big THANK YOU. We could not survive without you. In just seven weeks I have had the opportunity to speak with some of you, and heard some lovely stories. You have told me that you were introduced because you knew someone who needed a service monkey, others attended Festivale...one donor saw a monkey in our window! However you found us - we are pleased you are a member of the Helping Hands family.

So after almost two months at Helping Hands, I am happy to be here, and look forward to getting to know more of you. Please email me with your thoughts or comments or call me 617-787-4419 x114 - I really enjoy hearing your stories.

Warm regards,

*Diane S. Nahabedian*

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Welcome Director of Marketing and Communications

Erica Noyes



We are excited to welcome Erica Noyes back to the staff! On staff from 2011-2018, she returned to the team this month as the Director of Marketing and Communications.

Erica is well-versed in the rebranding of organizations, having overseen three different rebranding efforts, and has assisted with the redesign of four organizational websites. When the opportunity to return arose, she was eager to bring her seventeen years of fundraising, communication, event planning, and graphic design experience back to Monkey Helpers.

[Learn more](#)

Welcome Daniel G. Steger

Member of the Board of Trustees



While it is true that we have spent the last few months apart, we are working hard together, and that includes adding Daniel G. Steger to the Board of Directors.

Daniel became involved with Helping Hands when he was fresh out of graduate school by working with the original architecture team renovating the current Cambridge Street facility. He is dedicated to service to others as witnessed through his 8 year association with the Massachusetts Big Brother Big Sisters mentoring program.

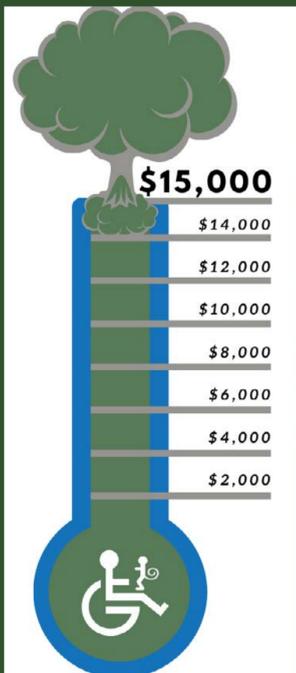
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The Tales of Toby - Thanks to you, we did it!

We asked you to be there for Toby, and you came through for her!

Thanks to your generous support in the month of September, we raised over \$57,000!

The **Tales of Toby** will continue to be available on our website - please share her story. And don't forget to check out our videos - "Tosey" and "The Golden Girls" on Facebook or Instagram!



THANKS TO YOU  
WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!  
[MONKEYHELPERS.ORG/MATCH](http://MONKEYHELPERS.ORG/MATCH)



Happy Halloween from the Monkey College!

Tricia is great at posing for photos, and we couldn't resist sharing this Halloween treat! We know that Halloween is going to look a lot different this year, but we hope that we can bring a smile to your face. Did you know you can send a Halloween e-Card?

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more fun, inspirational, and educational photos from the Monkey College!