



We hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe as we continue to contend with this global pandemic. It has been a challenging time for everyone, and we are deeply grateful to our trainers; frontline workers with years of experience who dedicate themselves to the safe care of all our animals, both here and in the field. Their hard work and dedication to safety is an inspiration to all of us.

We have some exciting news to share! First, a generous donor has issued a challenge! During the month of September, they will MATCH any donation received, up to \$15,000. Your generosity makes TWICE the IMPACT this month! There has **never been a better time to make a gift to Helping Hands.**

And second, after a national search, we are pleased to welcome our new Executive Director, Diane Nahabedian, who comes to Helping Hands from the Rhode Island Zoological Society/Roger Williams Park Zoo where she was Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Diane has spent over thirty years working with organizations to enhance their stature through outreach, and we are thrilled that she has joined us.

"I am excited to join this incredible team," says Diane. "For more than forty years, they have brought so much assistance to individuals and families dealing with mobility impairments. As we move ahead, I am committed to the continued support of our recipients as well as the current and long-term care of our delightful monkeys."

Welcome Executive Director, Diane S. Nahabedian!



Helping Hands is excited to welcome Diane as our new Executive Director! As a senior-level non-profit management professional, she has spent over thirty years working with organizations to enhance their stature through outreach that includes development, marketing/communications, and strategic partnership recruitment efforts, to ensure organizational financial security.

[Learn more](#)

Honoring our staff in the time of COVID



Massachusetts was one of the Coronavirus hotspots in the country for some time, prompting businesses to shutter and offices to close. Caring for all the monkeys at the Monkey College requires staff to be here each and every day...through snowstorms, hurricanes, and the like. But how do you make sure that the staff and the monkeys all remain healthy during a global pandemic?

[Learn more](#)

Matching Gift Challenge-Help us meet the goal!



Double your impact this September!

If we can raise **\$15,000** September 1 through September 30, a generous donor will **MATCH that dollar for dollar**. Your generosity makes **TWICE the IMPACT** this month - help us reach our goal.

Toby was placed with both Michael and Tim and is now in her golden years. Throughout the month of September, we will be sharing the **Tales of Toby** - her life story.

You can be a part of Toby's tales by making a donation today!

New Faces at Helping Hands

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Brown and Robin Dorogusker to the Board of Directors.

Lisa is the Vice President of Creative at NNE Marketing, an agency that produces fundraising packages exclusively for non-profit organizations. As a long time friend of the organization, she was an animal husbandry volunteer, a placement trainer, and a foster parent to a retired monkey.

Robin has a background in commercial real estate project management and planning, having served in that role for a number of organizations, and is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Hereva Consultants, Inc. She became involved with Helping Hands as a volunteer on the Building Committee.



[Learn more](#)



An Image from Quarantine!

We have all heard the stories from friends and family about eating more than usual during the quarantine - O'Leary didn't want to be left out! His healthy oatmeal snack is half the size of his head and he LOVES it!

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