



Love is in the air!

Traditionally, February is a month dedicated to love! Not just romantic love, but also the love that we share with others in our lives, such as parents, siblings, friends, colleagues, and teachers. This month, all of us at Helping Hands celebrate the incredible bond and unconditional love between humans and animals. We hear the stories on a daily basis about the amazing bond that our recipients and their monkeys share. You make these magical relationships possible.

Thanks to your support, and the support of special groups of individuals, such as the [Capuchin Caretakers](#), our dedicated staff and volunteers will be able to nurture and support the human-animal bond with monkey helper placement teams throughout the country in 2017 and beyond. It is truly a priceless gift.

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



Capuchin Caretaker: More than a Monthly Donor

Our Capuchin Caretakers are among our most ardent supporters, helping to provide steady support throughout the year with an automatic monthly contribution. These generous individuals support the best care for every monkey in training at The Monkey College and ongoing 24-hour support for recipients across the country. A monthly gift helps to lower administrative costs, too, so more of your donation goes to help recipients and our monkey helpers.

[Learn More](#)



Meet a Monkey: Bernice

Bernice is a sweet girl currently in the 2nd stage of training, the B-room. When she is not learning new tasks, she loves to play with her reflection in mirrors. She causes a lot of smiles in the playroom when she puts her hands on her head and laughs.

[Learn more about Bernice](#)



Why Are We Here?

Commitment. Dedication. Joy.

One thing that we, donors, volunteers, board members, and staff, all have in common is a deep passion for the work of Helping Hands and a deep belief in the power that the human-animal bond has to change lives.

In the episode [Why Are We Here](#), you hear from members of the Helping Hands family about what this work means to them.

[Watch Why Are We Here](#)



Blooper of the Month

Helping Hands monkeys are great at learning and performing tasks, but not always great at posing for pictures! Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to be a part of the fun and make your voice heard: vote for the image that will be featured in next month's blooper section!

Grants Spotlight



The Liberty Mutual Foundation has awarded Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers a grant of \$35,000 to support the training and placement of our specially trained capuchin service monkeys. "We are very proud to provide greater independence and joy to people living with mobility impairments through the gift of a Helping Hands service monkey," said Melissa MacDonnell, president of Liberty Mutual Foundation and Vice President of Liberty Mutual Insurance. The Liberty Mutual Foundation has supported Helping Hands since 2006 and we are honored by their continuing partnership to promote accessibility for people with disabilities.



Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is grateful to [Rockland Trust-Peoples Federal Foundation](#) for their recent \$5,000 grant.

This marks 11 years in a row of supporting our specially trained capuchin service monkeys to assist people with mobility issues.

We are proud that Rockland Trust-Peoples Federal Foundation has chosen to partner with Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers to provide greater independence in the lives of our recipients.

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