



Make a Gift

Monkey Business

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Graduation time!

We hope you will join us in saying thank you and good luck to our student volunteers and interns who are about to begin a new chapter in their lives. The Monkey College is surrounded by 35 other colleges and universities in Boston, so May and June are always filled with graduations and fond farewells.

Our Event Chairs, Sarah Davis and Eric Reddy, with the help of the event committee, are deep into planning for The Monkey Helpers' Annual Festival (the 80's edition!) on October 21st, 2017 and are so excited for our new venue and theme! Check out our sponsorship opportunities and be a part of this fabulous night.

If you have ever wondered what your support means to our recipients, please watch Travis Amick's TEDx talk below and hear from him what a difference a monkey helper makes in his life. Helping Hands would not be able to do our work without all of you.

Summer at Helping Hands is always busy, as we aim to make summer school both full of learning and enjoyable for our monkeys in training. From learning fun new skills to playing with new toys donated by you, our generous donors, we aim to keep everyone happy, healthy, and engaged all summer long.

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



Travis does a TEDx

Have you ever wanted to have a conversation with one of our recipients?

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. This talk by Travis Amick was given at a TEDx event organized by The Oaks Christian School in February of 2017.

[Watch Travis's TEDx](#)



Become a Sponsor of Festival!

The date is set and planning is underway; all we need is YOU! Do you know a company or individual who would be interested in becoming a sponsor of the event? Maybe even you? There are many benefits to becoming a sponsor, including a table and media coverage for your company, and all sponsorships are fully customizable for your needs. Enjoy scenic vistas of the Boston skyline from our new downtown venue while feasting on delicious food and drink and mingling with fellow supporters, our trainers, volunteers, and recipients.

See the [opportunities](#) and become a [Sponsor](#) today!



Angela Lett named Interim Executive Director

Angela has stepped in for departing Executive Director, Megan Talbert, who has moved on after 17 years of service to Helping Hands.

"Helping Hands has a truly unique mission that has helped people across the United States since 1979," said Angela. "I am honored to work with the Board of Directors, staff, recipients, and volunteers to continue this life-changing work."

[Read more about Angela](#)



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!

Grant Spotlight



Helping Hands Monkey Helpers is grateful to the **Starr International Foundation** for their recent \$50,000 gift. This gift supports the active training and placement of our service monkeys with recipients across the United States. We are proud that the Starr International Foundation has chosen to partner with us to provide greater independence in the lives of our recipients.

Donor Spotlight

We would like to thank **StrataDx** for their first donation to Helping Hands. This Massachusetts based company ran an office-wide fundraiser in April and presented us yesterday with a check for \$1,400. This gift helps support our monkeys in training at The Monkey College, as well as those placed with recipients across the country.



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