



Celebrating Mother's Day!

Spring in Boston means flowers, sun, and celebrations! This month, we hope you will join us as we celebrate all the mothers in our lives. At Helping Hands, when we pair a helper monkey with a recipient, it is a family affair. Caretakers and family members play an integral role in having a service monkey. This month, we spoke to Ellen Cook, the mother our recipient Craig, about what it is like having a son with a service monkey, and the relationship they all have with Minnie. Thanks to you, our generous donors, Craig and Minnie will be celebrating fifteen years together next year!

We also want to take a moment to thank all of our students and volunteers who generously give their time to lend a hand at The Monkey College. As the school year comes to an end, you need to know how much we appreciate your dedication and assistance.

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



Craig and Minnie: A Mother's Perspective

More than 20 years ago, just before his 30th birthday, Craig Cook was involved in a roll over car accident. He suffered a C-5 (cervical no.5) bone break in his neck, which left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

In 2004, Craig applied for and received a helper monkey named Minnie. In honor of Mother's Day, we spoke to Craig's mother, Ellen, about Craig and Minnie.

[Read her story](#)



The Perfect Gift

Looking for the perfect gift for Mother's Day? What could be better than making a donation in her honor to show her how much you appreciate her. With your gift, you provide care and support to our service monkeys.

When you make your gift, Helping Hands will send a card to the person you designate, informing them of your tribute.

Show Mom how much you care - make a gift today.



The Simian Society

The Simian Society recognizes people who choose to donate to Helping Hands as part of their estate plans.

Leaving a gift in your will is an easy way to give back and still make sure you're able to provide for yourself and your family throughout retirement. Your generosity has a lasting effect on the work we do every day.

[Consider becoming a part of the Simian Society](#)

Blooper of the Month

Helping Hands monkeys are great at learning and performing tasks, but not always great at posing for pictures!

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