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News from The Monkey College

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Graduations!

It's hard to believe that it's already May. So much is happening at Helping Hands! We've been busy laying the groundwork for [The Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festive](#) on Saturday, October 22. Please note: if you are planning to travel to Boston for the event, book your hotel rooms as soon as possible, as our event is the same weekend as The Head of the Charles Regatta.

This month is traditionally full of celebrations. Colleges around the country are holding commencement ceremonies for their hard working students. While we do not have a yearly ceremony, our service monkeys work hard and our staff and trainers applaud each one when they graduate and begin their new role as companion to someone seeking more independence.

Did you know we consider you a monkey trainer, too? You may be hundreds—or even thousands—of miles away, but you help train our service monkeys every day.

Your support means we have the facility, tools, supplies, and staff we need to provide the best possible care for our service monkeys here at The Monkey College, as well as those living around the country. Everything from monkey chow, to new toys, and veterinary care—even all of the warm water and baby shampoo we use to give our monkeys their baths—these are gifts you give to us to support our work and we are grateful for your contributions.

We hope you'll continue to be a part of our team by [making a donation](#) today! Your gift means we can continue training these exceptional service monkeys to provide increased independence, joy, and purpose to more deserving people.

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



Become a Sponsor

The Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festive is quickly approaching! The Festive Committee is hard at work, making sure that the 7th annual fundraiser is our most successful one yet. Do you know a company or individual who would be interested in becoming a sponsor of the event—perhaps even you? There are many benefits to becoming a Sponsor, including a table and media coverage for your company.

[Discover the Benefits and Become a Sponsor Today](#)

Angela Lett, Director of Development and Communication

Helping Hands was thrilled when Angela joined us in February as the new Director of Development and Communication. With over ten years of experience and a rich background in the nonprofit arena, she is a wonderful addition to the team and we look forward to her spearheading our fundraising efforts!

[Get to know Angela](#)



Meet the Monkeys!

While The Monkey College does not have an official sports team, our monkeys do enjoy showing off their skills when they are relaxing together in the playroom! Check out their moves in our newest episode of Meet the Monkeys: [Wrestle Monkey!](#)

[Watch all our episodes](#)

Training Highlight: Bell Training

Bell training is the foundation for training our monkey helpers. We introduce the bell in the first stage of training, The Cubicle, where our monkeys actually "learn how to learn" in a distraction-free room.

[Learn more about Bell Training](#)

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