



Celebrations and Changes

A little over 10 years ago, Megan Talbert introduced a small service monkey named Kasey to a young man named Ned, and a special partnership began. This year, we celebrate Ned and Kasey's journey together and their evolving relationship. You can see them in action today in the special 2-minute anniversary video highlighted below. And if you haven't already, be sure to read an update on their story from our Spring newsletter.

In addition to celebrating Ned and Kasey, this month we're also saying farewell. Megan is moving on from her position as Executive Director of Helping Hands after 17 dedicated years of service. We hope you will join us in wishing her much success in her future endeavors. While we will miss her, Megan will always remain a part of the Helping Hands family.

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



Important Changes at Helping Hands

After 17 years at Helping Hands, Megan Talbert, Executive Director, is moving on to other opportunities. Her final day will be Friday, May 12.

The staff and monkeys at The Monkey College will miss her and are thankful for the guidance and support she has provided during her time here.

[Read more about Megan](#)

Ned and Kasey: 10 Years Together

When Ned's sisters learned about Helping Hands in school, they never could have guessed that it would be the beginning of such a wonderful story. We are thrilled to share this special anniversary video with you—a story 10 years in the making.

You're the reason Ned and Kasey have such an amazing relationship today, and were able to make this 2-minute film celebrating a decade together.

[See the short film](#)



Meet the Monkeys!

Enrichment is extremely important, especially in primates, because it is a way to help animals use their brains, challenge their thinking, and have fun. When our monkeys are not in training, we create interesting, enriching games and puzzles for the monkeys. See one of our monkeys figure out a puzzle in the episode [Hunting Walnuts](#).

[Watch all the episodes of Meet the Monkeys](#)

Send an e-Card

Did you forget a birthday until the day of? Did Mother's Day sneak up on you? Maybe you are looking for a unique way to just say hello? We can lend a Helping Hand!

Don't forget, you can send always send a monkey e-Card. It's both fun and free! Every time you send an e-Card you create a smile and share our mission.

[See all our e-Cards](#)

Grant Spotlight

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is grateful for the continued support of **The Merancas Foundation, Inc.** Their gift of \$25,000 helps support our trainers and monkeys at The Monkey College to ensure the highest level of care and training. We are honored that The Merancas Foundation, Inc has partnered with us for the past 13 years to provide greater independence for our recipients.

We are pleased to welcome **The Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation** as a new supporter of Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers with a first-time grant of \$2,500. They're support will allow us to train and place service monkeys with recipients looking for increased independence in their daily lives.

