



New Year and New Beginnings!

Happy New Year! Thanks to your generosity, 2018 is starting off on an exciting note! The placement team is currently on site with our newest recipient, helping human and monkey begin their partnership. It is an exciting time for all of us, and we look forward to sharing their journey with you.

We have been having a rough go of it with the cold weather the past couple of weeks in Boston! Thank you for your kind emails and phone calls, to check in on The Monkey College and see if we needed anything. We appreciate your thoughts and the good news is that all the monkeys are safe and healthy. We did have a few bumps in the road with the extreme temperatures. Because it was so cold, our heating system simply couldn't keep up! Our dedicated trainers stayed overnight a few times so that we could use space heaters to further heat the monkey dorm rooms. We also had some pipes and vents freeze, so we'll definitely have some unexpected repair bills due to this extreme weather.

Currently, everything that wasn't working correctly because of the extreme cold is back to working normally, and it is going to be spring-like weather tomorrow! As you can imagine, this is a relief for all of us. Again, thank you for thinking of us at this time. We appreciate you.

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



A New Beginning!

We are excited to share with you that the team is in the field (quite literally, based on the photo they sent us!) on a placement this week. As you read this, there is a new recipient and their monkey beginning a relationship and a journey that will change both of their lives.

Thanks to your generosity, Helping Hands provides all of our services at no cost to our recipients and their families. The first week of a placement is when the trainers introduce the new pair and help them begin to build a bond with one another. Learn more by watching the Monkeys in a Minute episode, [Placement Week](#).



Meet The Monkeys!

Much like people, monkeys each have their own personalities with their own likes and dislikes. This even extends to how they like to bathe! Some monkeys like to soak in a warm tub right up to their noses. Others enjoy a scrub and a "shower" under the faucet.

See Penny, a service monkey in training, cleaning herself with tear-free baby shampoo in [Showering](#).

Watch [Showering](#) and all our Episodes of [Meet The Monkeys](#) on our [website](#).



Thank You

In this New Year, we must say thank you to everyone who made a gift to Helping Hands in 2017. Because of your generosity, we are available to our recipients around the clock for training, advice, information, and emergencies. Thanks to you, we are able to provide the highest level of care (and the best peanut butter!) to all the monkeys at The Monkey College. You make this work possible, and we appreciate your support.



Blooper of the Month

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

The Blooper of the Month contest is back for 2018! Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) 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!

Please enjoy the January winner, voted on by you!

Grant Spotlight



Peoples Federal Foundation, Inc.

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is honored to have received a grant of \$6,500 from the **Rockland Trust-Peoples Federal Foundation** to support our recipients and service monkeys. We are honored to have such a strong community partnership with Rockland Trust-Peoples Federal Foundation for the past 12 years and look forward to providing independence and hope to more recipients in the future.

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