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## News from The Monkey College

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### Get ready for a very exciting 2 weeks!

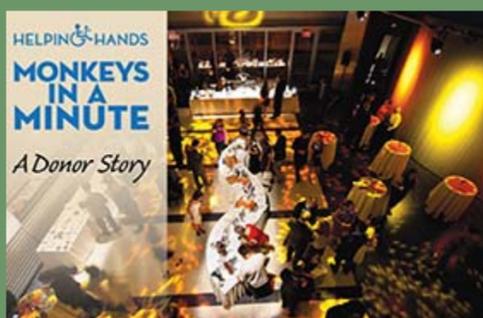
The time has finally arrived—time for us all to come together with a common goal of raising important funds for our program. The Monkey Helpers' Annual Online auction is now open!

In the next 2 weeks, leading up to [The Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festivale](#), you can bid on high tech items such as a [Roomba 980 Vacuuming Robot](#), [fabulous travel opportunities](#), [gift cards](#), [theatre and concert tickets](#), and much, much more! The auction runs through the end of the event on October 22. Be sure to check back often - new and exciting items are being added all the time. A special thank you to all the generous donors who have contributed items to our auction to aid in our fundraising efforts.

We are preparing to welcome close to 400 friends to WGBH on Saturday, October 22nd! Our chefs (some of the best in Boston!) are busily preparing culinary delights for guests to sample, while the bartenders perfect their recipies for the Absolut martini bar! Our filmmakers are putting the final touches on our newest film, *Great Beginnings*, which we are so excited to share with all of you. It will be an amazing night and we hope to see YOU—either in person or virtually!

Join us in saying a huge thank you to our Event Chair, Lisa Flores, and the Columbus Hospitality Group for flawlessly leading this event.

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



#### More than just an Event!

You, too, can be a part of The Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festivale, even if you cannot attend the event! There are so many ways to get involved. We will be live on Facebook at different points during the night, so that you can meet recipients, guests, and staff and get a "behind the scenes" look at the event. You can help us "[fill the peanut butter jar](#)" to help fund a placement in 2017. Or you can bid on terrific items in our [online auction](#).

[Learn more about Festivale!](#)

#### Why Get Involved?

The Chair of the Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festivale, Lisa Flores, has been involved with Helping Hands since she first discovered the organization as a college student. Watch *A Donor Story* and hear why she continues to be passionate about our mission, and how your contributions truly make a difference in the lives of recipients and monkeys.

[Watch all our Monkeys in a Minute episodes](#)



#### You Make a Difference

By supporting the event, or just Helping Hands in general, you are proudly proclaiming your belief in the power that the human-animal bond has to change lives forever. You help care for and train all the monkeys in our program. Your generosity translates into shampoo, towels, toys, blankets, medicine, recipient support, and so much more.

[Learn how you impact lives](#)

#### Blooper!

This month, our monkeys are also busy getting ready for the auction!

Helping Hands monkeys are great at learning and performing tasks, but not always great at posing for pictures (or knowing what do do with their money)! 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!

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