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News from The Monkey College

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Back to School!

What a wonderful time of year: the shopping is done and the kids are all heading back to school with their happy faces and brand new school supplies, eager for another year. While our service monkeys remain in training year round and don't necessarily have a "back to school," they love to watch the hustle and bustle that September brings to our neighborhood. And they love getting packages of new school supplies! Because of your generous donations, our monkeys at Helping Hands always have the tools they need to continue to learn their tasks and practice their skills, as they prepare to be placed with a new recipient.

It is going to be a busy month for us here at The Monkey College. Watch your mailboxes for an invitation to [The Monkey Helpers' Annual Food Festive!](#) You also won't want to miss our latest newsletter! Not on our mailing list? [Email](#) us to be added and see how you make a difference in the lives of our recipients and monkeys.

September is also [National Spinal Cord Injury](#) Awareness Month and [Muscular Dystrophy](#) Awareness Month. Did you know that there are approximately 200,000 people living with SCI in the United States? And that 500 newborns get diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy every year? We strive to raise awareness and provide our services to those living with SCI and Muscular Dystrophy in the U.S. We rely on you—our friends and supporters—to help us make a difference. Be sure to share our program with anyone who might benefit from having a service monkey in their life.

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



Do You Have Your Ticket?

Join us for a night with 18 of Boston's finest restaurants, live music, Absolut specialty drinks, and fun—come eat, drink, be merry, and show your support!

Not able to attend? You can still be a part of the fun by bidding in our online auction, Opening October 7th! Food, activities, artwork...all at your fingertips.

[Learn about this fabulous event!](#)

Meet the Monkeys!

Back to school means back to hitting the books. Flipping pages in a magazine is not only a skill, it is so much fun for the monkeys you support at The Monkey College. We joke that they like to catch up on all the hollywood gossip in the playroom while they are **Just Reading!**

[Watch all our episodes](#)



Task Training—Fetch

Imagine that you are home alone and you drop your cell phone on the floor with no way of picking it up.

"It is 18 inches away, but it might as well be 18 miles away," said George, the husband of one of our former recipients.

Not a problem for a service monkey—one of the most important tasks our monkeys are taught is Fetch.

[Learn More](#)



And the winner is...

Thanks to everyone who voted for their favorite blooper—your opinion and participation are important to us!

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