

For over 40 years, the capuchin monkeys at Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers provided service, love, and companionship to over two hundred people with severe mobility limitations. Now, as these beloved monkeys return home to Boston from their heroic service, they need your assistance.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Helping Hands had begun a multi-year envisioning process as we anticipated our aging monkey population and additional new challenges. We realized that our elderly and senior monkeys would be returning to our facility in greater numbers. We knew that state-by-state legal restrictions had severely limited our ability to place monkeys. And we saw the new technologies for people with disabilities that made our monkeys' service redundant. For these reasons, we understood that we would not continue to train and place new monkeys with additional recipients and would instead look toward a future focus on the larger issue of the human-animal bond.

With that recognition, we renewed our commitment to creating the Monkey Living Center, ensuring a long-term safe space for our monkeys as they returned from their years of service and companionship with our clients.

With the upheaval of COVID-19, we determined that our timeline needed to be dramatically compressed. We are now faced with an immediate and urgent need to rehabilitate and prepare a living area suitable for our monkeys as they increasingly return from service to our facility.



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MONKEY HELPERS

Transforming the quality of people's lives through the power of the human-animal bond.

Help us help our Monkey Helpers!

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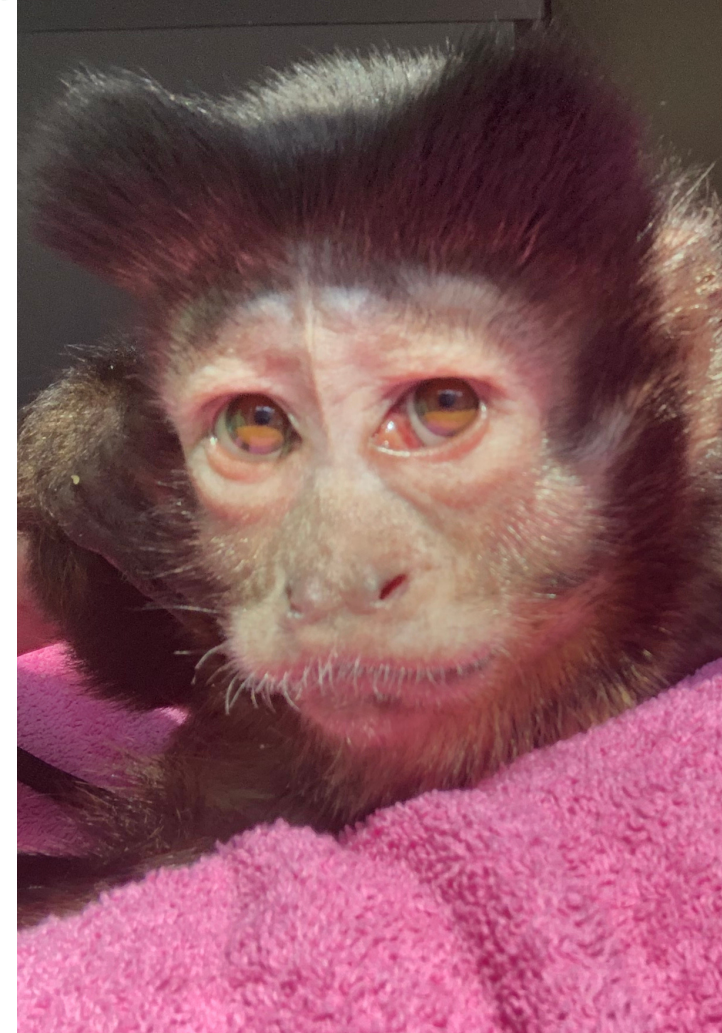
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Established in 1979, Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers is a not-for-profit organization that was originally founded to raise and train capuchin monkeys to provide daily assistance to people living with spinal cord injury or other mobility impairments. The organization relies completely on private contributions.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP. TODAY.

We are asking for your assistance as we rapidly undertake a vitally needed rehabilitation of the Monkey Living Center.



Our existing monkey facility must provide a safe, secure, and healthy physical environment for elderly monkeys as they enter their post-service years. We cannot delay these renovations to a more convenient time. We cannot wait until we raise the funds. Our monkeys need an improved living situation **right away**.



MONKEY LIVING CENTER

We must raise \$2 million immediately to complete health and safety renovations to Helping Hands to accommodate up to 92 permanent residents.

With concerns over COVID still lingering, improvements in airflow and ventilation are at the top of the emergency list. **Immediate needs require replacing the HVAC system for the safety of staff and animals.**

- The 20-year old heating/cooling system is at end of life and replacement is particularly crucial for air quality improvements and energy efficiency. (Significant elements actually failed at the end of last summer.)
- We will install a new ducted Energy Recovery System (ERV) to provide the recommended air-changes-per-hour for new monkey play enclosures.

The health and well-being of all our staff and monkeys is of critical importance, so we will also:

- Build new play structures re-creating a variety of habitats appropriate for capuchins.
- Replace outdated plumbing.
- Construct and improve human workspaces, ensuring a healthy environment for all.

Building renovations began in February and are underway. All renovations meet new safety protocols and will adapt the training center for senior monkeys returning to live out their post-service years.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can make an immediate difference. Our service monkeys have given so much to so many around the country. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to provide them with the post-service living quarters they deserve!

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of our monkey helpers' future. Naming Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Building: \$1.5 million

HVAC System : \$200,000

Veterinary Suite: \$150,000

Window enlargements: \$45,000

Play areas: \$3,000 each (total of 5)

Laundry Appliances: \$1,500

Conferencing Equipment: \$1,000

TIMELINE FOR URGENT CONSTRUCTION

Summary

February, 2021

Demolition on ground and top floors

March, 2021

Office space created on the bottom floor, monkey playspace created on the top floor.

April, 2021

All interior construction complete

May, 2021

New HVAC rooftop equipment including ERV and cooling system installed, completing project.

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